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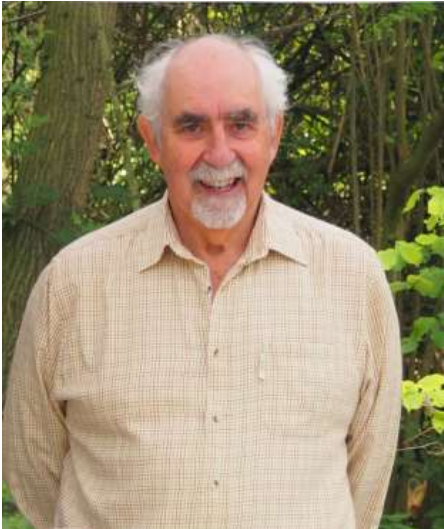
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**Cover Picture.**

**Supporting Ukraine**

## From the Chair.

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We have had a fairly good first five months of this year. Membership is up on last year and attendance at meetings and visits has also improved. Our speakers have been very well received and our two visits, to TTT motorcycles and Grove Farm museum, were very much enjoyed by those who went to them.

We now have a Facebook page up and running as well as the website and this also seems to be proving popular. However posts from more members would help. The most up to date information about the Society is now on the Facebook page. Please join if you haven't done so already.

We are also sending reminders of meetings and events via emails to our members. If you would like reminders and are not getting them yet please let John Southall know.

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For the second half of the year we have further meetings and a visit to Norfolk planned, see elsewhere in the magazine.

Our relationship with the Rivenhall site people is still developing. See elsewhere for reports on their Ceremonial Site Opening Day and our Crank-Up Day. They are intending to build a workshop, for the Essex Shed Network Group, to which we have been offered access plus access to an area in the adjacent Dutch barn for our own outside activities. This could well include a small spray booth and a welding area if we want it.

We are planning another crank up day when the building work on these facilities is completed, a sort of opening ceremony. The committee would value your views on what our future relationship with this company should look like. Facebook, email, texts, phone calls all gratefully accepted

There is, however, still one big fly in the ointment for our society. Our treasurer will sadly be leaving us soon and we need to find a replacement ASAP for our society to continue. It is not an onerous job at all; she/he just needs to be a bit handy on the computer. Any suggestions will be most welcome.



*Terry Angland*

From the Editor,

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Things are looking up :- in recent times my editorial has rarely been able to convey this message but at last I believe we have weathered the Covid storm and are now moving forward again. We all know Covid is still out there but it is such that we are able to start getting back to something like normal.

From the perspective of the Society it means we can once again hold meetings, visits and events. Attendance of monthly meetings remains below pre-pandemic levels but two recent outside visits; TTT Motorcycles and Grove Farm on a Sunday afternoon, were well attended and both were regarded by members as being really worthwhile and something we must do again.

For a few years now the Society has been unable to organise an event for the benefit of members (with the very notable exception of our annual Working Day and Tractor Run) but on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May the first Crank Up was held which proved to be a major success. I know our Chairman will give a detailed report elsewhere in this magazine and therefore will not say more, other than to say how good it was to see members together doing what we all enjoy.

And, talking of members, here we are very much on the “up”. As you might expect the past two years took a toll on membership but this year has been much more buoyant with membership already far out stripping numbers from 2020-21. The Crank Up brought forward five new members and almost every day I have lapsed members and some new members to process. As Membership Secretary this is great, just keep it up.

## Crank Up Day at Woodhouse Farm 15<sup>th</sup> May

We had a reasonable number of entry forms returned for the crank up, more than enough to make the day worthwhile. Our hosts made us very welcome, providing water, toilets, drinks, first aid facilities, fire extinguishers, public liability insurance and a free barbeque lunch.

The day was open to the public. Our hosts advertised it in the local press and on social media. They, of course, took the opportunity to show off their new visitor centre and explain their future plans to all within earshot. In all, at a guess, there were about 120 visitors.



We had very positive reactions from the public to all our exhibits, which included a large variety of working engines and a large display of various tractors. There was a very nice circular walk around the site through wooded areas and past the listed buildings, all of which are going to be restored. We took the decision to spread our exhibits around the circular walk



to keep the public interested all the way round and I think it worked well, although not all our exhibitors may agree. There were a few issues that need ironing

out. Everyone could have done with an early morning cup of tea and we need to make sure we have an adequate water supply for all our members' engines. Please let the committee know your thoughts either by email, text or Facebook. However I would personally like to thank Ken Bailey for all his hard work in preparing for this event and for the Opening Ceremony on the previous Thursday.

A lot of tractors were put in position by his efforts not to mention erecting fencing and showing exhibitors where to go.



As usual we had collection buckets for the Essex and Herts Air Ambulance Charity. I don't know how much we made as the buckets are sealed. We will post the amount collected on Facebook when we know.

Our Society members and guests all seemed to enjoy the day; indeed we joined up 4 new members. Please view our Facebook page for more pictures and a video of the day if you can, they tell the story much better than I can.



We had a very positive reaction to the site in general from our exhibitors, so much so that I think it means another event here is almost inevitable!!





*See many more pictures and a video of the Crank Up on our Facebook page.*

*(pictures courtesy of Nicola and Mark Riley)*



## **Ceremonial Opening of the Information Hub At Rivenhall IWMF & Energy Centre**

From our Chairman

The owners of the proposed waste incinerator site at Rivenhall held an opening day for the newly constructed Information Centre and for the start of the construction stage of the Integrated Waste Management Facility (IWMF) and Energy Centre on 12<sup>th</sup> May.

Why is this relevant to our Society? Well it was held three days before our first crank up on the same site. It was a very big deal for the team working there who were also our hosts for the crank up day.

The 250 strong guest list included Her Royal Highness Princess Astrid of Belgium (sister of the King), The Belgian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Trade and foreign Affairs, the President of the Government of Flanders, The Vice President of the Walloon Government and the Secretary of State for the Brussels Region.

So why invite such an illustrious group of Belgian dignitaries? Well the Company responsible for the construction of the incinerator and for the refurbishment and restoration of the Woodhouse Farm site (where we held our crank up day) is a private company and owned by a Belgian business man.

He obviously travels in high circles to be able to command such distinguished guests.

This high powered group of Royals, Ministers and Diplomats were part of a weeklong trade delegation to the UK. The idea, I believe, was to post better trade links between our two countries post Brexit. The ceremonial visit to Rivenhall was, I think, to demonstrate Belgian engineering prowess to potential customers.

A large marquee was erected next to the information hub to house the guests and to provide refreshments and lunch. The interior of the marquee was decorated with greenery and lighting and looked stunning. A piano man serenaded everybody throughout the day.

Of course there were speeches and the Princes pressed a large button, to symbolize the start of the transition from establishing the site to the construction stage of the Incinerator, and the work began.

A circular route pathway was provided (plastic matting) around the Woodhouse Farm site for the guests to walk off their lunch. Our society provided extra interest by placing various tractors at strategic points. We provided various pieces of information on the history of tractor development in the Information Hub and we also had a Gazebo showing what we do. the Indaver top bosses now know we have an interest in their site. I was able to meet the Princess and shook her hand. She was very nice and showed an interest in our Society and it was a royal first for me.

# Men's Sheds

*From Bob Adams.*

I was to give a talk at your monthly meeting about Men's Sheds, but due to a family commitment was unable to do so. So I thought your members would like to know a bit about the movement in your Newsletter. So here goes:-

The Men's Shed movement started in Australia in 1997. The first Shed was Lane Cove Community Shed in New South Wales set up for 'shedless blokes'. This small community project marked the start of an International movement providing a social community space for all men of all ages and abilities. The Australian Men's Shed movement was officially set up 10 years later in 2007.

There are now over a 1000 Sheds in Australia supporting around 175,000 individuals.

In the UK Age Concern tried setting up Men's Sheds on a limited budget, but insisting that a professional Supervisor be in charge, which went against the whole Ethos of the Shed movement. As soon as the money ran out, the Sheds began to close.

My personal involvement started in 2011, I was working as a Branch Buyer for Cromwell Tools. A works colleague had been to Australia to visit his Son, whilst there his Son took him to a Men's Shed and he came back to work fired up about the whole experience. I became interested and wanted to know more, I contacted the Australian Shed movement and they sent me reams of information, but they also told me about a chap in Camden, North London, that was starting a Men's Shed in a room in the Camden Community Centre.

After a few phone calls and taking a day's holiday, I visited the Camden Shed (if you ever visit I painted the bookshelves! ) The chap's name was Mike Jenn, he was later to create the UK Men's Shed Association.

Like the Australian movement there are now over 750 Sheds either open or in the process of starting up, unlike the Age Concern concept, all Sheds are managed by Volunteers. I began to investigate whether a Men's Shed could be created in Maldon where I lived. By chance in 2012, Sarah Troop , Director of the Maldon & District CVS had a similar interest in discovering a place where men isolated by loneliness, bereavement, redundancy and trying to cope with depression could meet together have a chat, drink a cup of tea and do a spot of woodwork.

To gauge interest Sarah put an article in our local newspaper with a telephone no, you can guess who was first to call. Well, 18 months later the first Men's Shed in Essex opened its doors and Maldon Men's Shed is still very much active today.

In 2017 I became a Garden Volunteer at Cressing Temple Barns, and noticed an unused barn on the site, you can probably guess what happened next.

In January 2018 Cressing Temple Community Shed opened its doors. Now in 2022 , I am working with our Chairman and my fellow Trustees at Cressing Temple Community Shed at Woodhouse Farm, Rivenhall to create a new Men's Shed there that both FMPS and CTCS members can enjoy.

*If you are a "shedless bloke" and think you would like to learn more email Bob Adams:- [r.adams389@btinternet.com](mailto:r.adams389@btinternet.com)  
Or phone:- 07518 380188*

# A Club Day Out

Join us for a great day out on  
**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June**

Ken Bailey is arranging a day out for Members and Guests to explore two Norfolk Museums and enjoy a lunchtime meal together at the Burston Crown.

## **Forncett Industrial Steam Museum**

Discover an award winning collection of spectacular stationary steam engines, hidden in the depths of the beautiful South Norfolk countryside.

Low Road, Forncett St Mary, Norwich, Norfolk, NR16 1JJ

Burston Crown



BEST PUB & BAR  
Restaurant Guru 2021

The Crown is a 16th Century building and offers two oak beamed bars for dining, a huge fireplace with a woodstove and locally sourced produce.

Mill Road, Burston, Diss, Norfolk IP22 5TW

## ***Norfolk Tank Museum***

The *Museum* houses a collection of military vehicles, weapons and militaria mainly from the 20th Century and the Cold War Period.

Station Rd, Forncett St Peter, Norwich NR16 1HZ

Call Ken Bailey on **(07702) 202311** for more details and we can then have an idea of numbers interested and decide on means of travel.



# Back to the pleasures of Rallying after too many years.

From Neil Banks

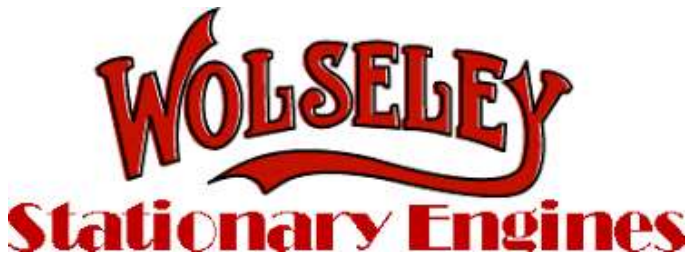
Back to the crank up after 30 years, this weekend (April 24<sup>th</sup>) my Cousin (Mark) and I went to the Saffron Walden Crank up which was formally the Shire Hill Crank up.



Having been rallying as a boy with my family some 30years ago it was a real pleasure to get back into it. We took a Wolseley WD2 stationary engine that had been sitting in Marks shed for over 20 years. Some three months ago we transferred these to my workshop and I tinkered with the Wolseley until she was running; we then started to have a crank up every Sunday tea time in my garden, a good excuses to drink Guinness and reminisce about the past. This lead to the idea of rallying again and brought me to the FMPS for insurance and insight.

I have to say that things haven't really changed since my boyhood days, yes; some of the cars didn't seem as old as, they were ones I had had when starting to drive. As I stood saying this to Mark "these aren't old, I had one when I passed my test" I could hear my Dad's voice saying the same thing when I was eight, all those years ago. I'm pleased to say that Rallying is as much fun now, at 56, as it was when I was a boy.

Thank you to the Saffron Walden Crank Up for getting me back to my childhood and starting me back rallying. I just can't wait till "Doris" my Allis Chalmers type B is match fit and ready to rally.

The logo for Wolseley Stationary Engines. The word "WOLSELEY" is written in a large, stylized, red, serif font with a black outline and a slight shadow effect. Below it, the words "Stationary Engines" are written in a smaller, red, sans-serif font. A decorative red flourish is positioned between the two lines of text.

*Many thanks Neil for the write up, just what I hope other members will take inspiration from and produce a few words relating to something they have done or somewhere they have visited. As I have said many times; don't worry about spelling or grammar, I can usually tidy it up ready to share with our members. Editor.*

# A Club Visit to Grove Farm

24<sup>th</sup> April

The Sunday afternoon visit to Grove Farm Great Henny, Sudbury, was a great success and was courtesy of the Cracknell family who, for many years have collected Tractors,



Stationary Engines Household Items and much more beside. Mark (our host) showed the 25+ members attending around the collection and all agreed it was a brilliant Sunday afternoon out.



Just one small corner of the collection of tools/household items.  
(see more pictures on our facebook page)

## STEBBING VINTAGE TRACTOR ROAD RUN 2022

Mayday, Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May, saw 83 tractors plus some vintage military vehicles gather at Brazenhead Farm, Great Bardfield for the annual Stebbing Tractor Road Run. Now in its 9<sup>th</sup> year the event raises money for the Essex & Herts Air Ambulance.

On arrival we were greeted by the smell of cooked bacon wafting out from the catering barn. Also on hand to greet



Two very important people of the day! Jackie Mackenzie and Juliet Turnbull. Thank you for all your hard work.

visitors was Pat Hughes collecting the sponsorship forms. Last year the event was able to donate £10,000 to the charity.

Before the start Dick Hughes gave drivers a thorough briefing on the route and other details of the day. Leaving the meet under grey sky's just after 10.00am our pilot Robert led us out

of the back of Brazenhead to pound the dusty roads, lanes and tracks of North Essex.



Dick and Pat Hughes

Crowds were out in force to greet us as we entered the Village of Great Bardfield. Turning off the main street we made our way to Little Bardfield where we turned across country to Finchingfield. Here too crowds had

gathered, swelled by the usual visitors to this Essex beauty spot.

Leaving the village behind, the column made its way along narrow lanes to Waltham Cross, Shalford, Shalford Green and Great Saling. People were out in all these villages and at crossroads, junctions and any other vantage point where they could get a view.

There was a comfort break at White House where Essex Co-Op Farms have two great barns. Here we were treated to tea/coffee and biscuits. Also on hand to give us an overview of the farm's operations was Keith the Farm Manager.



Harvey Davis (with Ukrainian flag)



Next highlight was the village of Stebbing the run's spiritual home. There seemed even more people out than usual. Flags, banners and bunting adorned the street creating a real party atmosphere. Like the tractors many had Ukrainian flags on show. The Air Ambulance support car with paramedics made an appearance at the top of the village - a gesture appreciated by all.



The final part of our journey took us around Lindsell. Here we saw the largest number of deer that we had seen so

far. Also of note was how much the Spring sown crops and others need a good rain.

Brazenhead showed itself through the dust at the end of our run. Here again food in the shape of beef or ham rolls and salad were on offer for lunch.

To conclude, it was a well-organized, well supported event. Support came not only from the participants and helpers but also from all the community. Great company, great countryside and a great day all round. Thank you to all concerned.

Next year sees the 10<sup>th</sup> run. Wouldn't it be great if we could make it a 100 tractor start? After all we were only 17 short of that figure this year.

Mark Riley.



# A Mystery Machine in New Zealand

From John Couch

Hi all, as part of my week I work one morning repairing anything and everything for a local museum, The Waterwheel Trust. Recently we were asked to help a local tractor collector to clean out a shed, whilst doing it he gave us some bits and pieces he does not want, including the machine pictured below.

I have a question; does anyone know the make of this unusual single wheel machine?



*The make is so far unknown but I asked John what this machine was for and after some research John sent me the following:- Editor*

We have just found out it is for moving railway trucks / carriages, the post is wedged under the buffer and the single wheel runs on the rail

# Tractor Runs for 2022

## Organised or supported by FMPS Members

This year individual members will be organising Tractor Runs for the benefit of both club members and non-members who may wish to take part. The purpose of the runs is to show the public the machines we cherish. To raise money for local charities but, mostly ***to just have fun.***

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June**

**Support NHS Tractor Run.**

**Childerley Hall Farm  
Dry Drayton  
Cambridgeshire  
CB23 8BA**

**Leaving at 10.15am prompt.**

**Entry fee £10.00**

**For more details contact Ray Parcell:**

**Phone. 07786 582210**

**Email. [rayparcell61@gmail.com](mailto:rayparcell61@gmail.com)**

*See much more about this run and its supported charity elsewhere in this magazine. (editor)*

## **Saturday August 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Tractor run leaving 10am. from “Kirrawah”, Newbourne Road, Waldringfield near Ipswich. IP12 4PR**

**All tractors welcome but must be capable of 10 mph.  
The run is about 25 miles and expected finish 3.30-4.00pm  
Contact David Cope 07497 514769 for entry / sponsor forms and more details.**

**Supported Charity is:- St Elizabeth Hospice.  
Entry and Sponsorship can be paid on the day.  
Cost per Tractor is £10 to be paid at the “sign in”  
or, on the “Just Giving” page website:-  
*“David Cope 10 David’s Tractor Run”***

**Food provided at the lunch stop (Kirton Recreation Ground) by the Kirton Scouts and profits to their funds.**

## **Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Tractor run leaving Grove Farm Gt. Henny Sudbury Suffolk. CO10 7LT**

**(This is a precursor to the FMPS Working Day on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>)**

**Contact Ken Bailey 07702 202311 for more details.**

**Supported Charity:- The Essex and Herts Air Ambulance.**

## **NHS Tractor Run. 26th June. Supporting Addenbrooke's Charity Trust**

The history of this run is:- during lockdowns I could see no reason why tractor runs could not take place so, in 2020 we gave it a try; we travelled 33miles and visited 13 villages in South Cambridgeshire, the response was overwhelming with 110 tractors taking part. The general public turned out in their hundreds and with the drivers entry fees, plus money collected on route, we were in a position to donate £3500.00 to Addenbrooke's Charity Trust our local hospital in Cambridge.

Last year we ran it again with the help of BBC East & Radio Cambridge even more people turned out we were able to donate £6100.00 to the same charity.

**This year the run is on the 26th June** and will be more or less the same route, we have a picnic lunch stop just over half way round and, there is an ice cream van in attendance.



Just a bit about the Charity ACT they have been working very hard over the last few years to provide an automatic robot which will improve the treatment for thousands of patients It does cost £1.500.000 (one and a half million pounds) they still have £180.000 to go.

We have found over the years, it was a hassle for drivers to be involved with sponsor forms and last year 109 drivers brought some £1500 pounds in.

The bulk of the money is collected by our collectors walking the streets & also passengers on the trailers are armed with collecting tins.

**Now you can pay by BACS:**

**Acc No. 40338346. Sort 20-17-22 Ref 1687476040**

**If you would like to join us please telephone. 07786 582210.  
After 6pm 01954 718610**

**Email:- [rayparcell61@gmail.com](mailto:rayparcell61@gmail.com)**

Ray Parcell

Chairman of Cambridgeshire Vintage Tractor Club



# **Nedging Fete**

## **Nedging Hall Suffolk**

**26<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

**An event back again after cancelation last year, organised by club member Mrs P Gooderham. This year we are remembering the late Mrs Gill Buckle of Nedging Hall who always made everyone so very welcome in the past.**



**The family will again open the Hall Gardens and Church to visitors.**

**There will be Classic Cars, Tractors, Stationary Engines, Motorcycles and much more including Suffolk Horse, Trade Stands,**

**and of course Quality Refreshments.**

**A really great day out in the fabulous grounds of Nedging Hall.**

**To enter and exhibit or for more information contact**

**Mrs Gooderham 01449 740271**



# **A Different Kind of Tractor**

From our regular contributor Martin Day

Back in the 1950's a fellow junior school pupil's father was setting up his own haulage business, Randall's Transport, with a Bedford J type flatbed with an insulated box body for transporting meat carcasses. Temperature control, the placing of blocks of frozen carbon dioxide on the floor!

When collecting his load from Reading late afternoon ready for an early start delivering the next day, he would, during the school holidays arrange to pick me up from outside my home and take me with him to Reading to load, followed by a mug of tea and a bun in the transport café on the way home. The sound of the diesel engine, and lengthy discussions on driving techniques meant that I had discovered an interest that has stayed with me all my life.

My first employer ran a small fleet of lorries for own account operation delivering agricultural machinery and associated products, actively encouraging all employees to obtain the then HGV licence, by way of a company supported application form. This enabling them to be called upon, if required delivering a load saving on the cost of employing a relief driver. Hence at twenty one, I had my full HGV 1 licence.

Correctly, this would never happen today as looking back with horror, I can remember a bricklayer and his mate from the Grain Handling Department on one of their few driving missions of the year being sent out via the M1 with the low loader to deliver a Claas SF Combine. As with most of his journeys, Stan the driver returned to the yard with a flattened keep left bollard

or two collected en route. Such were his driving skills, he never ventured into a farm yard if it entailed having to reverse at any stage, mostly off loading at the nearest point and driving the delivery to the farmyard. He did though, to his credit, never have a true accident.

Throughout my career I maintained contact with road transport, culminating in some twenty plus years with a national, family owned logistics and garage group. Indeed in 1992, I was part of the management team tasked with integrating into the group a recently purchased transport company based in Abingdon. The Company RT Express, the RT standing for Randall's Transport, yes Vic Randall, my introduction to road transport. He had built up a thriving company and was selling the business upon his

impending retirement.

With this strong interest in road transport, I have owned and restored several lorries over the years but one I always strove to own was a genuine Foden



Loading at Hull Docks

factory built ballast tractor. Easier said than done.

Over a period of time contacts were made eventually resulting in a telephone call from the owner of 1958 Foden S20 ballast tractor, Gardner 6LW powered saying that he was thinking of selling, was I interested? The result, I was soon to be the new owner, delivery was included as part of the deal, with his final drive being from Cheshire to Suffolk at 40mph. The Foden filling my workshop's new extension, not perhaps it can be said giving my wife much pleasure when looking out of the kitchen window. Put in perspective a modern JCB Fastrac will pull a heavier load at faster speeds and with better handling than the Foden ever could.

Because it was a specialist vehicle built to order, with only one operating company before entering preservation, a great deal of documented history was available. From the original build sheets, (all of Foden's records now archived in the County Council Offices) through photos of specialist loads moved, repairs carried out and people associated with it.

By way of example, whilst attending a classic vehicle show a man approached me and told me that his father drove the vehicle for most of its operational life and that he had spent many hours during school holidays in the passenger seat. Later sending me photos of his father with the lorry including transporting Donald Campbell's Blue Bird to Coniston Water, the lorry new outside Fodens offices and loading at Hull Docks.

Driving the Foden was an art, a skill, not easy to acquire. For example, a twelve speed gearbox, with three gear levers. I can only imagine how when pulling forty tons the driver changed gear without losing momentum. Especially as the way to change gear explained to me by a driver of a similar vehicle was, depress the clutch, place gear lever in neutral, stand up salute, saying God Save The Queen, sit down, rev engine

depress clutch, select new gear. All of that after deciding which gear levers had to be moved and with no power steering. Only real drivers need apply!



**Awaiting collection at the Foden plant**

Fortunately the Foden was in basically sound order, but it did require a major service, electrical repairs as not charging properly, brake airline repairs and the making and fitting of new battery tops and battery clamps and cables. It was previously owned by a successful Environmental Consultant who just liked lorries and driving them and admitted he had no mechanical inclination or abilities, everything done to the vehicle he had to pay to have done.

I enjoyed my period of ownership and perhaps shouldn't admit to the fun of when travelling the local Suffolk lanes of seeing the fear in the eyes of the approaching drivers of 4x4 SUV's or large luxury cars who normally assumed superiority and right of

way, upon seeing the approaching large drawbar and substantial bumper gave way without hesitation. Apologies if you were one of them.

In time, the decision to sell was reluctantly taken and the tractor advertised. The purchaser, I believe the ideal purchaser, a Plant Hire company owner from Derbyshire arrived with his elderly uncle and son to view the lorry at 07:00 one Saturday morning having left home at 04:30. Following a thorough inspection they asked to be taken for a ride. After several miles the prospective owner asked if his uncle could drive back covered by his company insurance. He climbed into driver's seat and off we set. Up and down the gears, perfect gear changes a joy to behold. On arriving home they did politely comment, whilst grinning that my driving technique did require some fine tuning!



It was then explained that uncle had spent all his working life as a fitter for Foden agents and had indeed worked on the Foden when it had been out based at Sheffield by its original owner.

The deal was done over a cup of tea and a bacon sandwich, a good home found, the new owner owns and runs his late father's Showman's traction engine and was buying the Foden for his son, uncle was going to help him check it over and paint it in the family colours. Then with the appropriate trailer it would be used to transport their Showman's engine to local rallies.

I understand that the Foden is now ready for the 2022 rally scene, having been worked on throughout the Covid period and I am now eagerly awaiting receipt of some photos!



# Facebook

**The FMPS Group is up and running**



**Members have been suggesting we need a presence on facebook and now we have.**

**Initially there was some reluctance as some of us are from a generation who think facebook is not for them, wrong ! If you have a smartphone, a laptop or PC then facebook is very much for you.**

**A facebook private group was created which gives members the opportunity to join and immediately communicate with each other. Information, questions, comments, for sale/wanted can be posted only by members of the group.**

**Search facebook and find “The Farm Machinery Preservation Society” and look for the “Join” button. Your application will go to an Administrator who will approve it if you are a member of the Society.**

***The Group has 40 members who have joined and shared some great posts and pictures of recent activities.***

***Join NOW***



# CAMBRIDGESHIRE STEAM RALLY

**SAT 9th & Sun 10th July 2022**

**Cambridgeshire Steam and Vintage Vehicle Rally  
Quy Park, Quy, Cambs CB25 9AF**



Special Feature  
for this year:-  
Display of all  
tractors by  
McCormick -  
Deering &  
International  
Fairground  
rides Awning  
Displays Heavy

Horses Ring Displays, Children's Entertainment Craft  
Tent, Working Demonstrations, Trade Stands.

Refreshments available including Bar

Adults: £10.00. Children: 11+ £6.00

Family Tickets £25.00 (2 adults, 2 children)

For more information contact

Rally Secretary on 07990947510 or go to

[www.cambridgeshiresteamrally.co.uk](http://www.cambridgeshiresteamrally.co.uk)

Entry form available on line.

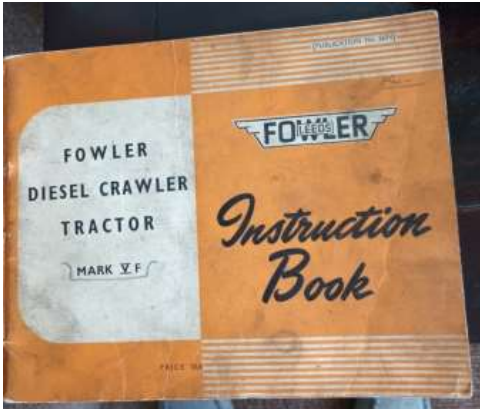
(information submitted by member Richard Willcocks)



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

### **For Sale:**

**Fowler Diesel Crawler Mark VF Instruction Book. £50.00**



Absolutely original and genuine. Even reprinted copies are selling for forty pounds; here is your chance to own an original. Bryan Mills.

[bryanmills571@gmail.com](mailto:bryanmills571@gmail.com)

**07967366344**

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### **For Sale:**

**1967 Massey Ferguson 165 instruction manual, used condition, original publication. £20.00**

Bryan Mills. [bryanmills571@gmail.com](mailto:bryanmills571@gmail.com)

**07967366344**

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# ***For Sale and Wanted***

## **For Sale:**



## **1958 Greeves Scottish Trials Bike. £2500.**

Very original. Ideal for pre-65 trials competitions. Road registered and ready to go.

John Southall. [fmps@btinternet.com](mailto:fmps@btinternet.com) 07340 781621

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## **Wanted:**

Starting handle for a Allis Chalmers model B 1951  
Also Fuel Cap for the paraffin tank and temp gauge all for the above.

Recommendations of where to get tyres for the Allis as well. 4.00 – 15 front and 9.00 – 24 rear.

Neil Banks email:- [neil\\_banks13@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:neil_banks13@hotmail.co.uk)  
Phone :- 07766338822

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

**Wanted: Information.**

My Allis Chalmers type B has an engine number of  
**ECR12903KA**

Can anyone advise what this means or were could I find out, does this indicate where it was made or the year of manufacture so that I can check it aligns to the year according to the tractor number (EB6176)

Neil Banks email:- [neil\\_banks13@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:neil_banks13@hotmail.co.uk)  
Phone :- 07766338822

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### **Some very Good News**

It has just been announced by HMRC their Policy regarding the use of Red Diesel has been reversed; they have confirmed it is now once again legal to use Red Diesel for Charity Road Runs, Plough Days and similar events. As yet ( 18<sup>th</sup> May ) their website has not been updated but no doubt it will be soon. Watch their site for full / further details.

## **Some Events of Interest.**

### **Working Day and Tractor Run.**

**Grove Farm Gt Henny, Sudbury Suffolk. CO10 7LT**

#### **October 1<sup>st</sup> Tractor Run**

**Contact Ken Bailey 07702 202311**

#### **October 2<sup>nd</sup> Working Day**

**Contact Mark Cracknell 07753 522756**

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### **Some other events in Suffolk / Essex**

**Aldham Rally: 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> June.**

**new site, Marks Tey Racecourse**

**(see their website for more details)**

**MEBCC Rally 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> June**

**(Waldingfield Airfield) see their facebook page for details**

**Tendring Show 9<sup>th</sup> July**

**(see their website for full details)**

**Pebmarsh Show 23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> July**

**Henham Steam Rally 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> September**

**(see their facebook page for details)**

# ***FMPS Meetings/Visits 2022***

## ***June 29<sup>th</sup>***

A talk by John Selley, who is Publicity and TVO Licence Co-ordinator for the Ferguson Club. A “must be there” evening for any member with, or any interest in Fergie tractors.

## ***July 28<sup>th</sup>***

Club visit to Norfolk:-  
Fornsett Industrial Steam Museum  
Burston Crown for lunch  
Norfolk Tank Museum  
(see more detail in this magazine)

## ***August – September***

**No Club Meetings**

**Meetings at Halstead Football Club 8pm  
(unless otherwise stated)**

**Always check the WEBSITE [www.fmops.org.uk](http://www.fmops.org.uk)  
and our Facebook page for meeting updates.**

**This magazine is also available to read on the  
website along with back copies for the past year**

**Deadline for next Magazine August 15<sup>th</sup> 2022**



**Club Visit to Grove Farm**