

Forthcoming Event

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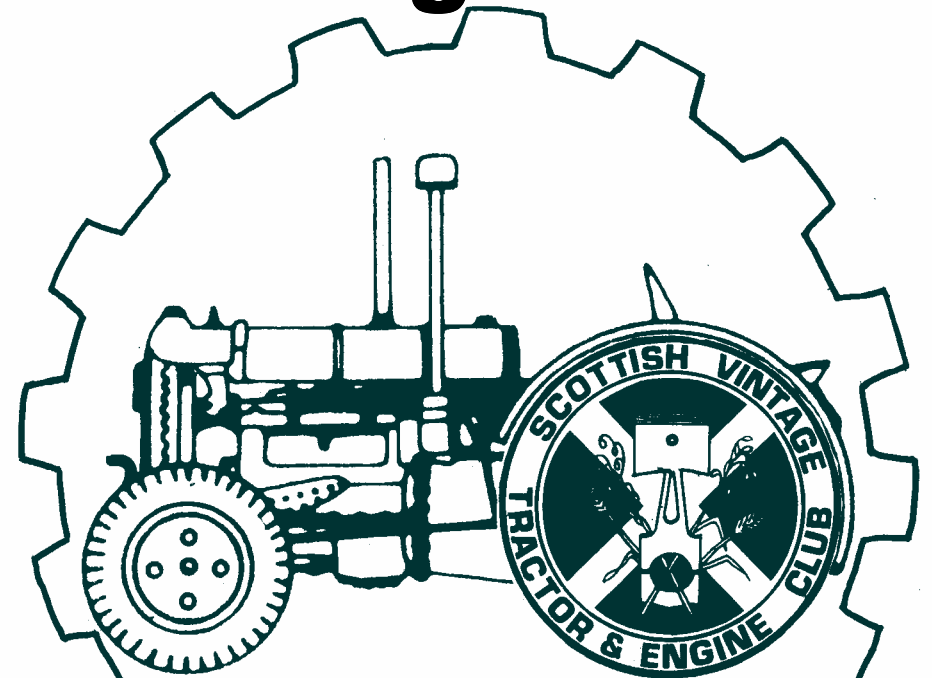
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Foreword

I am aware that it was a great disappointment to our members that the Farming Yesteryear Rally 2009 had to be cancelled due to the wet condition of the Rally field. The Committee had a lot of heartache regarding this and I can assure members that every effort is being made and all avenues are being explored to try and prevent a future recurrence of this situation. It would have been our 25th anniversary of the event at Scone Palace Parklands and to commemorate this, Lord Mansfield generously donated a solid silver salver to be used as a perpetual trophy for "Best in Show" from the following classes:

Tractor of the Year, Tractors Static P/P, Tractors Diesel, Tractor Working any implement, Farming Machinery, Horticultural Machinery and Stationary Engines.

We look forward to next year to see who will be first to receive this trophy. On 13th July, 2009, we held an Extraordinary General Meeting to seek approval for a Special Resolution to amend the Memorandum and Articles of Association to meet the requirements of the Office of the Scottish Charities Regulator (OSCR) in order that the Club could obtain Charitable Status, which was granted on 17th July, 2009. If you pay tax, remember to complete Gift Aid forms for your Membership Fees and any Donations to the Club.

Our Chairman, Bob Paterson, resigned as Chairman and Committee member as from Monday, 12th October, 2009. Bob is moving to Buckinghamshire to work on a farm with Water Buffalo and rare breeds of sheep, goats and other livestock, the produce from which the owner retails at local farmers' markets. We wish Bob and his wife Glen success and happiness in their new surroundings and thank Bob for his work both as a Committee member and latterly Chairman over the years. A new Chairman will be appointed at our AGM on Thursday, 21st January, 2010.

I hope that you enjoy reading this issue of the Starting Handle and trust that you will keep making contributions of articles for your magazine to our Secretary/Treasurer, Ian, on a regular basis. It is important that we keep in touch with our members who can not make our monthly Open Meetings and the Magazine plays a vital role in fulfilling this task.

Wishing you all a Very Happy and Enjoyable New Year.

Bryan Williamson, Vice Chairman

Lister Engine Event

This event was organised by Committee Member Alan Grieve and held at Balboughty, Scone, on Sunday, 18th October, 2009. There was an excellent turnout and everyone that had engines at the event received a certificate.

Steam Tractor Enquiry

Should anyone know the whereabouts of a 1 ton quarter scale model of a Foden steam tractor previously owned by the late David Alexander of Balbeggie, Perthshire, the Secretary has an enquiry from a man in England who is very keen to locate this machine.

Articles for Publication

Remember that this is your Magazine and to ensure that the Secretary/Treasurer can have regular circulations, he needs your support with articles/contributions.

ACROSS: 1. Gardner; 3. Spark; 5. PTF; 6. Rollo; 10. Ferguson;
11. Glasgow; 12. Box; 13. Noon; 14. Mag; 16. Cat; 19. Road;
20. To; 21. DERV; 21. Lister; 23. Lad.
DOWN: 1. Gap; 2. Nut; 4. Allison; 6. Fordson; 7. Albion;
8. Rotavator; 9. On; 10. Fan; 14. Mates; 15. Bolt; 17. Weld;
18. T/O.

Crossword Answers

Forthcoming Events

A.G.M. on Thursday, 21st January, 2009, within the Railway Club (R.S.A.S.), Feus Road, Perth, commencing at 7.30 p.m. Following the A.G.M., there will be a speaker.

Open Meeting on Thursday, 11th February, within the Railway Club, Feus Road, Perth, commencing at 7.30 pm. Quiz Night.

Open Meeting on Thursday, 11th March, 2009, within the Railway Club, Feus Road, Perth, commencing at 7.30 p.m.. Speaker Mrs Gardiner, who writes articles about country life in the Courier.

Open Meeting on Thursday, 8th April, 2009, within the Railway Club, Feus Road, Perth, commencing at 7.30 p.m. Speaker Stuart Starrs from Buckie. Stuart served his time with Case IH in Doncaster, then went to work abroad with MF. He now works for Goodyear on the Agricultural/Construction side of their business.

Working Day in the Working Field at Scone Palace Parklands on Sunday, 24th January, 2010. Entries free. See SVTEC Website for further information.

Tractor Raffle

As the Farming Yesteryear Rally 2009 had to be cancelled due to the wet condition of the Rally Field, the raffle took place at the Open Meeting on Thursday, 8th October, 2009. It was drawn by the Bar Steward and the winners were:

1st Prize, Ferguson TE20 tractor—Mary Smith, Tullymet.

2nd Prize, Stationary Engine or £100—William Kiddie, Blairgowrie.

3rd Prize, Pedal Tractor—Malcolm Smith, Grantown on Spey.

William Kiddie elected to take the £100.

Website

Our Website is being updated and modernised by Mark Williamson. It is important that members advertising items for sale or wanted advise Angela Williamson timeously when items are sold or bought to ensure that their adverts are deleted and that the Website has up to date and current information.

MY FRIEND HENRY Serial No 95110 a narrow wing land utility Fordson



Henry and I became friends a long time ago when we were both quite young. Henry was delivered by train to West Calder station and driven by road, on spade lugs with road bands fitted by the first owner the late Murray Storie, Harburn, West Calder – within walking distance if you missed the school bus in the morning from where I used to stay. We are both about the same age, we have both had our innards attended to throughout the years and we have had some great times together since 16th November 1973 when my name was put in the registration document as first change of keeper. We have travelled the country a fair bit to ploughing matches, rallies etc. We were at the first rally at Inchture and if my memory serves me correctly it was the Tayside Group of the National Vintage Tractor and Engine Club to try our hand at the ploughing (mixed success it wasn't nearly as serious then). We were then invited to The Royal Highland Show at Ingliston on Tuesday 20th to Friday 23rd June 1978 to take part in the veteran and vintage tractor parades two on the Wednesday, two on the Thursday and one on the Friday. There were forty nine tractors in total and ranged from the late John Moffitt's 1903 Ivel which I was given the privilege to take round the ring on one of the parades (this was different and interesting) the youngest tractor was owned by Massey Ferguson (UK) Ltd and was the half-millionth Ferguson. It was a TEF 20 built at Coventry in 1956. There was also one

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of Scotland's very own tractors there a 1918 Glasgow. The event was sponsored by Teachers Whisky who defrayed most of the costs and presented all participants with a presentation bottle of Royal Highland. Fame came when Sandy Fenton of the Museum of Scotland asked if he could use Henry driven by a titled lady to deliver the cheque to Ingliston House prior to the commencement of building work of the permanent museum building at Ingliston. Henry had been on display in the temporary museum tent during previous Highland shows. We also got an invitation to take part in the parade and attend the formal opening ceremony of Kittochside Farm Museum on 2nd July 2001. That's as near a museum piece as Henry's ever been.

Henry was originally supplied on steel wheels the rubbers being successfully bought at Lanark Market when the original owners name was pulled out of the hat. Apparently this was common practice during the time of shortage of tractor tyres and wheels the auctioneers would set the price and all the bidders at the price would put their names in the hat and the one drawn out got the goods at the upset price. Henry has been back on steel wheels for a long time now and as I said earlier I got friendly with him a while back and we were still the best of pals until a few weeks ago when we got an invitation to attend the twenty five year celebration at Scone Palace - a scary thought, we were there twenty five years ago at the first rally at Scone Palace. First job was to get him out of hibernation and started. Well to put it mildly Henry took the hump ok he hadn't been started for a few years but he had been kept warm and dry had his engine turned over in the passing. You will have heard it said many a time I just put in fresh petrol cleaned the plugs and points and it started first pull up of the handle. I did all this but every time I stuck the bit of bent metal in his nose and screwed it round and round - nothing. Tried nice words then not so nice words still nothing. Then discovered the magneto had decided it was not for supplying the vital spark so off it came. Took it to bits that's the easy bit made one magneto out of two the large fibre distributor gear was the trouble - I think. After fitting the bits a replacement magneto he eventually started and run satisfactorily a quick clean up and he was ready for his silver wedding anniversary at Scone. Then "disaster" Farming Yester-year Scone 2009 was cancelled. Well on the plus side Henry has had a run which he was much needing and as we are on good terms again we might go and do a wee bit ploughing. The farmer next door says I can go and play in the stubble field - nice man.

Now that I've minded about that bottle of Royal Highland must go and try and find it sure it's in the house somewhere.

Malcolm

By the way I am the young fellow in the photo showing the young teachers how to get Henry into gear.

We would like to thank Malcolm Pretswell for this article and also the Crossword.

Trophies 2009

- Robert M Paterson Memorial Shield for best vintage in class - J. Penny, Kirkcaldy.
- Brown and Tawse Trophy for best in mounted class - J. Don, Wormit.
- Jack Ramsay Cup for best feering - J. Don, Wormit.
- Martha Ramsay Shield for best working Ferguson - J. Don, Wormit.
- Furrow Shield for best 10" in lift class - J. Don, Wormit.
- SVTEC Shield for best finish overall - G. Mutch, Abernethy.
- Reekie Campmuir Shield for best ploughing in trailing class - G. Mutch, Abernethy.
- Netherton Garage Shield for best overall in trailing class - G. Mutch, Abernethy.
- Jack Ramsay Shield for best finish in trailing class - G. Mutch, Abernethy.
- Tom Bennet Rosebowl for best working Fordson - A Brockie, Lunanhead.

The advert below supplied by Bryan Williamson, Vice Chairman, is from The Estate Magazine, July, 1949.

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BUT IT CAN'T LAY EGGS!

"No Maggie, it can't. So you're still the queen of the roost. But what a mass of food it produces; that new Fordson Major is a terrific worker. Take ploughing—it does 3 furrows at a time, on the same amount of fuel as many use for 2 furrows. No fancy ideas about diet, either. It runs on tractor vaporising oil—about half the price of petrol. Think of the amount of money that saves the farmer!

And the jobs it can do! Not only ploughing and cultivating but things like draining, sawing, hauling big weights, spraying, dusting, mowing and so on. There are 27 "Major" implements if the boss wants them. If he doesn't he can continue to use the implements he's had for years. Mind you, only a powerful tractor like the Major could do all that. That's why you hear them say 'you get more work out of a Fordson.'"

Fordson
the Major Power on the Land

FORD MOTOR COMPANY LTD. DAGENHAM ESSEX

10" LIFT CLASS

FEERING

1ST J DON
2ND D GREIG
3RD G McDONALD
4TH J EDGAR

PLOUGHING

1ST J DON
2ND A BROCKIE
3RD G McDONALD
4TH D GREIG

FINISH

1ST G McDONALD
2ND J DON
3RD H FERGUSON
4TH D GREIG

WORMIT
FORFAR
KINGSMUIR
GLEN CLOVA

WORMIT
LUNANHEAD
KINGSMUIR
FORFAR

KINGSMUIR
WORMIT
BROXBURN
FORFAR

NOVICE CLASS

FEERING

1ST S RITCHIE
2ND S WILSON
3RD A DAVIDSON
4TH D KEANE

PLOUGHING

1ST S RITCHIE
2ND W McCASKIE
3RD J ADAMSON
4TH D KEANE

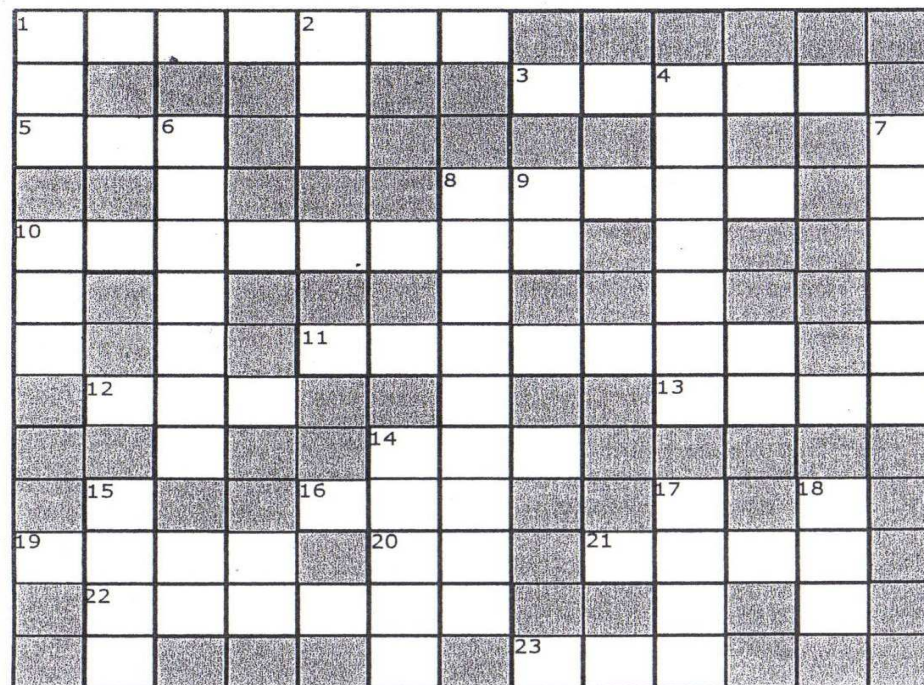
FINISH

1ST S RITCHIE
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3RD D KEANE
4TH A DAVIDSON

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PERTH

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DUMFRIES
BRECHIN
PERTH

FORFAR
DUMFRIES
PERTH
TIBBERMORE



Never Been a Cross Word Between Us!

ACROSS

1. Came in 1,2,3,4,5,6 and 8 cylinders (7)
3. Vital commodity (5)
5. Used for sealing threaded joints (3)
8. A wee sweetie made in Scotland for the craftie crofters (5)
10. He designed the 4x4 transmission for Jensen (8)
11. Has a ratchet arrangement in the front hubs (7)
12. Container for tools or gears (3)
13. Mid yoking (4)

P.T.O.

(Across continued)

14. If it's raining at a rally you will see some of them wearing wee poly bags to keep dry (3)
16. Just about always painted yellow (3)
19. Be sure to take the right one (4)
20. -- and fro (2)
21. Type of fuel (4)
22. Air or water cooled petrol or diesel made in Dursley (6)
23. Type of cab (3)

DOWN

1. Usually 15 or 25 thou (3)
2. Has an internal thread (3)
4. Make of transmission (7)
6. They came in different colours (7)
7. Made in Glasgow (6)
8. Spells the same backwards (9)
9. Off and -- (2)
10. Helps keep things cool (3)
14. Handy things to have (5)
15. Goes with 2 down (4)
17. You can do it with gas or electricity but not to wood (4)
18. Has its own distinctive smell (3)

Answers can be found on Page 11.

SVTEC PLOUGHING MATCH AT MAINS OF ARTHURSTONE MEIGLE ON SUNDAY 11TH October 2009

		Results
HORSE		
1ST	A THOMSON	ABERFELDY
HORTICULTURE		
FEERING		
1ST	G HALLYBURTON	ABERARGIE
2ND	F MUNRO	PERTH
PLOUGHING		
1ST	G HALLYBURTON	ABERARGIE
2ND	F MUNRO	PERTH
FINISH		
1ST	G HALLYBURTON	ABERARGIE
TRAILING CLASS		
FEERING		
1ST	G MUTCH	ABERNETHY
2ND	K LYALL	WOODSIDE
3RD	M BLACKLAWS	CARNOUSTIE
4TH	G MELVILLE	AVONBRIDGE
PLOUGHING		
1ST	G MUTCH	ABERNETHY
2ND	K LYALL	WOODSIDE
3RD	M BLACKLAWS	CARNOUSTIE
4TH	R BIRRELL	THORNTON
FINISH		
1ST	G MUTCH	ABERNETHY
2ND	R BIRRELL	THORNTON
3RD	K LYALL	WOODSIDE
4TH	M BLACKLAWS	CARNOUSTIE
12" LIFT CLASS		
FEERING		
1ST	W GRIEVE	ST. ANDREWS
2ND	J PENNY	KIRKCALDY
3RD	J McKECHNIE	LARKHALL
4TH	R BLYTH	CUPAR
PLOUGHING		
1ST	J PENNY	KIRKCALDY
2ND	J LOUDON	POWMILL
3RD	R BLYTH	CUPAR
4TH	W GRIEVE	ST. ANDREWS
FINISH		
1ST	J McKECHNIE	LARKHALL
2ND	R BLYTH	CUPAR
3RD	W GRIEVE	ST. ANDREWS
4TH	J LOUDON	POWMILL

Results Continued Overleaf