

# JANUARY 2025

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### ENTER THE LITTLE RED TRACTOR

The merger of Massey Harris and Ferguson in 1953 created one of the best known names in tractor manufacture with factories on both sides of the Atlantic. A direct descendant of the all-grey Ferguson, this 1961 Massey Ferguson 35, with Perkins engine, along with thousands of similar tractors, are still giving useful service to smallholders and horticulturists up and down the country.

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### A TEST OF SKILL

The idea of testing a horseman's skill by his ability to plough a straight furrow developed during the 18th century. Larger, more formal matches became established, where ploughmen could demonstrate their expertise and build up a reputation. Each competitor was given a plot to be ploughed in a given time – the match decided on points awarded by judges at every stage of the work.

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17 Wk 12 St Patrick's Day (BH N Ireland & Eire)	18	19	20	21	22	23
24/31 Wk 13	25	26	27	28	29	<b>30</b> British Summertime starts

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### TAKING STOCK

Sheep fairs have been held in villages and towns all over Britain since medieval times. Partney, a small village in the Lincolnshire Wolds, once had four fairs annually, one of which was the Fat Lamb Fair. Originally sheep would have been delivered on foot, later by lorry, to be sold by auction. Partney keeps tradition alive with the annual Sheep Fair Fete but now without a livestock sale.

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### **MAXIMUM EFFORT**

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The Triple-D, built by Ernest Doe & Sons at Maldon, was a powerful 4-wheel drive tractor, based on two Fordson Super Major skid units articulated in the centre. All the available 100 hp is being used by this 1961 model to haul a Ransome TS-78B six furrow plough up a climb in heavy ground, while seagulls have a feeding frenzy.

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### SOWING THE SEED

Horse drawn seed drills became increasingly popular in the 19th century when cultivation became more intensive. Invented by Jethro Tull in 1731, the drill enabled farmers to sow seed at the correct depth, in the right amount and in accurately spaced rows. The painting shows a farmer filling the seed box before setting the machine and heading off across the field.

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### 'JOHNNY POPPER' GOES HARVESTING

Blacksmith John Deere started making ploughs at Illinois (USA) in 1837. The business prospered and in 1918 entered the tractor market with the purchase of the Waterloo Gasoline Engine Company. A succession of tractors followed, notably the Model B – over 300,000 were produced between 1935 and 1952. Powered by a two-cylinder engine their distinctive exhaust note earned them the affectionate nickname 'Johnny Poppers'.

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### WHAT A BORE

Pigs with a distinctive belted pattern appear in many parts of the world. This British Saddleback boar exhibits typical black fore and hind quarters and a white band around the body, covering the shoulders and the front part of the back. Saddlebacks usually have a rather short sturdy conformation and have the reputation of being hardy, undemanding and in this case — sleepy!

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Bank Holiday (Excl. Scotland)						

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### TIME FOR A REST

Introduced to Britain from North America in the early 20th century, binders cut the corn, tied it into sheaves and threw it out ready for stooking. When ripe, the corn was carted to the yard and built into stacks to be threshed during wintertime. These Suffolk horses are leaving the harvest field for a rest after being relieved by a fresh team.

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### SWAY BAR BLUES

The '780', built by Massey Harris in Kilmarnock, became the UK's bestselling combine in the 1950s. In 1957, the '780 Special' was introduced, with longer straw walkers and a restyled rear axle. The sway bar, operating the cutting knife, had a habit of snapping, due to metal fatigue. At harvest times, a service engineer had to be called as quickly as possible, to fit a replacement.

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27	Wk 44 <b>28</b>	29	30	31		British Summertime ends
Bank Holiday (Eire)						

### **BACK ON TRACK**

Following the upheavels of the Second World War, Marshalls (Gainsborough) and Fowlers (Leeds) merged and reorganised to maximise tractor production. Fowlers 'FD' crawler tractor range was abandoned in favour of a new 'VF' series based on Marshall's single-cylinder diesel engine unit. Introduced at the 1947 Royal Show, Lincoln, the 40hp crawler proved successful and helped put the company back on track.

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						St Andrew's Day (Scotland)

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### HARVEST TIME

The weather has been fine and the corn has been cut, ready for threshing. The traction engine, a John Fowler single-cylinder 7hp engine built in 1909, is being used to produce power for the 'drum' to thresh the corn. This work was very labour-intensive and farm workers would have needed plenty of food and drink to keep them going.

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<b>22</b> wk :	<sup>52</sup> <b>23</b>	24	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27	28
<b>29</b> wk	<sup>1</sup> 30	31				

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### WINTER BEDDING

Stockmen loading straw bales to be used for bedding during the winter. Fergusons supplied a whole range of implements like this 3-ton hydraulic tipping trailer for use with their famous little grey tractor. After partnerships with David Brown and Ford, the Standard Motor Company, Coventry, started producing the TE20 in 1946 and by the time Ferguson merged with Massey Harris in 1953 they had completed over 360,000 units.

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# SCRURAL FERITAGE

A calendar of countryside traditions and history for 2025

