



Commercial Break...

News from the world of commercial vehicle, 4x4s etc., with Peter Love...

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News from the world of commercial vehicles, PSVs, 4 x 4 and tractors. Got a new item? Send it in today!
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Last Heaven for British Trucks in NZ

MIKE HOUGHTON AND HIS son took off on 27 December 2008 and travelled from the bottom of the South Island, New Zealand to Karamea at the top of the west coast of the South Island.

They arrived just in time to help load Peter and Vic Draper's Leyland Octopus full of Leyland spares, which had come from the North Island. The trip from Pleasant Valley is 500 miles each way over the mountain passes and the Octopus performed impeccably. The eight-wheeler left Wellington on the midnight ferry and drove from Picton to Karamea, arriving at 10.30 on the morning of the 28th.

The party was shown around the area by Richard Lowe and travelled some perilous tracks into the bush where he is working his fleet of vehicles.

His Scammell Contractor and three Leyland Constructors serve him well in this rugged area and with his three diggers he has carved many roads into the mountains.

Richard has just finished using Ergomatic cabled Leylands and has recently sold most of the spares he has acquired over the years. Peter was fortunate in purchasing the last good Ergo cab and will fit it to his Mammoth Major 8 which will shortly be moved into the restoration shed. Vic Draper has taken all of the remaining differentials from Richard and also a 690 engine for his Leyland Octopus SWB LAD, which is nearing completion after a chassis rails up rebuild.

It was a trip well worth undertaking, don't forget that Jayne and Peter Love will be running a trip to New Zealand in March/April 2010 and you are all welcome to join in and see such machinery, tel: 01323 833125.

ASTLE PARK IS 25 YEARS OLD!

TO MARK ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR the Five Counties Vintage Machinery Organisation is attempting to attract 1000 stationary engines to its '1000 engine rally' to be held at Astle Park, Chelford, Macclesfield, on 27-28 June 2009.

Billed as 'Europe's largest display of vintage engines' the *Guinness Book of Records* attempt will be preceded by a vintage auction at 4pm on Friday 26 June. This event regularly attracts lots of cars and motor cycles along the way who are also welcome to enter the show. For further details, tel: 01260 281378 - see the ad on this page!

Leyland Beaver Discovered

A COUPLE OF MY OLD mates who have escaped to Spain, John and Ken, have recently spotted this just wonderful Leyland Beaver EB5L normal control lorry.

It's situated in F. Francis Transport yard at Fuente Alamo, Murcia, Spain. The boys think the Leyland has been 'played' with at the back end and the last axle is certainly not

original. Beside the Beaver stands a Leyland Comet in excellent order as well. A number of other vehicles also lay in this yard and could be available. Further details email: vivenros@yahoo.co.uk

• Our picture below shows; standing awaiting a new owner is the Leyland Beaver EB5L-590134; other wonderful vehicles are in this yard.

Lying Around

IN 1960 THE AUSTIN Morris J4 12cwt van was introduced and what a fine vehicle it was with its very

torquy petrol or diesel engine starting with the 1.5 litre.

The model was to last until 1974 when production was discontinued. This 200J4 is a late example spotted in March of this



year in deepest Oxfordshire.

It's been standing for some years now, hence the tree has grown behind the bumper, however some of its parts might be what you are look-

ing for, tel: 01323 833125.

• Our picture above shows; seen in Oxfordshire recently is this late type BL 200J4, which started off as a BMC product.



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NW TRACTOR SHOW

MARK WOODWARD RECENTLY ANNOUNCED his *North West of England Tractor Show* which will take place on June 13-14.

This is the second year of this event which last year attracted 200 excellent tractor exhibits and one of the best model sections seen in 2008. It all takes place at Myerscough Agricultural Collage in the excellent buildings at Billsburrow, Preston and exhibits will also be outside the front of the buildings this year as well. Various improvements have been incorporated and it is hoped to have a parade ring for everyone to enjoy the tractors at the show.

H. J. Pugh will be holding their annual sale at this event, which has moved back a couple of weeks to a more suitable date for everyone involved. This was certainly one of the best selections of quality tractors seen in the North West last year and 2009 is set to be even better. It's even on the cards that the Entwistle family will be bringing along the 1960 record breaking International B250 for you all to see as well. Make a date now; remember the tractor traders were second to none here last year. Further details, on the show, the various classes and trade enquires, tel: 01253 407779. In respect of the sale please speak with H. J. Pugh direct, tel: 01531 631122.

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PORT SUNLIGHT VILLAGE SHOW - 20th SEPTEMBER. This is turning out to be one of the most popular show in the North West; ask anyone that has been over the last years, and they keep coming back. Lots booked last year for this and lots to do. We always have a good time in the Village. Held at Port Sunlight Village Wirral; check out their web site for details.
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