



Otterburn XLIII

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Dear Keith

From the office of the Chairman of the Otterburn Society

Dr M J Cooper

FMOS, PhD, MSc, BSc, MEng, FIAgreE CEng, MIMechE, CMIOSH



Gentlemen of the Otterburn Society,

When we met for dinner at the County Hotel in Newcastle upon Tyne on the evening of our congregation in 1982, none of us would have realised that, on that day that, we founded an institution that would become one of the most respected authorities on engineering innovation, culture and the arts.

It gives me immense pleasure to welcome you to what is our forty third annual conference.

As your chairman, it has been a great pleasure to preside over a number of excellent events throughout the year, in particular the Burns supper the St Patrick's day celebrations.

I extend my sincere appreciation to the Director of Communication and Public Affairs, Mr Firth, for taking the lead in organising these events. Good job that man.

In the meantime, I hope that you thoroughly enjoy our conference this year, we have some excellent subject matter to debate.

With my warmest welcome,

Mark Cooper, FMOS

Chairman, The Otterburn Society

Conference Itinerary

Date	Start time	Activity	Location
22 November 2024	8:15 AM	Breakfast at the Grosvenor Arms, Shaftsbury	SP7 8JA
	9:45 AM	Engineering appreciation, Boscombe Down Aviation Collection	SP4 6DZ
	11:00 AM	Cultural visit, Salisbury Cathedral	SP1 2EF
	12:20 PM	Light lunch, Rifleman's Table	SP1 2EX
	2:20 PM	Engineering appreciation, The Tank Museum	BH20 6JG
	5:05 PM	Grosvenor Arms	SP7 8JA
	6:00 PM	Chairman's reception, [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
	8:10 PM	Noel Pizza at Grosvenor Arms, Hindon	SP3 6DJ
	9:30 PM	Refreshments, The Lamb, [REDACTED]	SP3 6DP
	10:55 PM	Accommodation, Grosvenor Arms, Shaftsbury	SP7 8JA
22 November 2024	9:00 AM	Breakfast at the Grosvenor Arms, Shaftsbury	SP7 8JA
	10:45 AM	Gold Hill, Gold Hill Museum	SP7 8JW
	11:50 AM	Lunch at The Mitre	SP7 8JE
	2:00 PM	Otterburn XLIII, Presentations, Grosvenor Arms, Shaftsbury	SP7 8JA
	6:30 PM	Dress for Dinner	
	7:10 PM	Aperitifs	
	7:30 PM	Dinner	
	9:00 PM	AGM	
	9:30 PM	Debate	
	10:30 PM	RBS	
23 November 2024	9:00 AM	Breakfast at the Grosvenor Arms, Shaftsbury	SP7 8JA

Presentations

Karl Beattie	“What I’ve excluded from my memoirs”
John Beck	“Restoration of a Series II Land Rover”
Mark Cooper	“The 1922 Allotment Act”.
Jeremy Featherstone	“Black & White [REDACTED] ography”
Basil Firth	“Development of the next generation [REDACTED] rollers and other [REDACTED] related inventions”
Randall Flack	“Family [REDACTED]”
Andy MQ Jordan	“Milk Quotas - the AI humanised version”
Alan Moore	"German Engineering"
Alastair Scarborough	“Are subsea barriers effective”

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Annual General Meeting of the Otterburn Society

Agenda

1. Welcome and opening remarks. Chairman of the Otterburn Society, Dr MJ Cooper

2. Apologies for absence

3. Presentation of accounts for the year ending 2023, M J Cooper

Resolution: "That the society shall rely on the opinion expressed by the Joint Treasurers, Dr Cooper that the accounts as presented, represent a true and fair view of income & expenditure of the Society for the period".

4. Review of the Otterburn Society Journal. Secretary J J R Featherstone Esq

5. Other forfeits proposed.

6. Election of the executive committee.

6.1. Secretary

Resolution: "That _____ shall be elected Secretary of the Otterburn Society"

6.2. Treasurer

7. Resolution: "That _____ shall be elected Treasurer of the Otterburn Society"

7.1. Chairman

Resolution: "That _____ shall be elected Chairman of the Otterburn Society"

8. Presentation of the Otterburn Challenge Cup

9. Presentation of the Wolfgang Award for literary excellence.

10. Any other business

11. Closing remarks, The retiring Chairman, Dr MJ Cooper

12. The Dear Keith letter

13. Cigars

Treasurer' Report.

Statement of income and expenditure, year ending November 2023

Otterburn Socieity Conference XLII											
Expenses - Malvern 2023											
Members Names	Hotel (No. Nights)	Accommodation (Members pay hotel directly)	Taxi - Fri 24th			Morgan Cars		Food drinks & Paid (£)		BALANCE	
			£	£75.00	£265.22	£21.00					
			No.	7	7	7	8				
Attendees											
Beattie Karl	2	240.00		10.71	37.89	3.00	83.00	323.00	51.60		
Cooper Mark	2	240.00		10.71	37.89	3.00	83.00	323.00	51.60		
Featherstone Jerry	2	240.00		10.71	37.89	3.00	83.00	323.00	51.60		
Jordan Andy	2	240.00		10.71	37.89	3.00	83.00	323.00	51.60		
Moore Alan	2	240.00		10.71	37.89	3.00	83.00	323.00	51.60		
Scarborough Alastair	2	240.00		10.71	37.89	3.00	83.00	323.00	51.60		
Watson Samy	2	240.00		10.71	37.89	3.00	83.00	323.00	51.60		
Wood Dan	1	120.00				3.00	83.00	203.00	3.00	Y	
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		1,800.00		75.00	265.22	24.00	####	2,464.00	364.22	-	

Hotel fees inc Saturday lunch, bar during meeting, evening meal inc wine, beef sandwiches, 1x round at bar
Room hire included at no charge

Secretary's report

Gentlemen,

I was delighted that some members were somewhat inspired to submit contributions for the journal for publication in 2024, regrettably no contributions were received at the time of writing this report.

Any late submissions will be forwarded to the incoming Secretary after the AGM for inclusion in next year's journal.

I am hopeful that contributions to the journal will be forthcoming for next year and a bumper edition will be published for Otterburn XLIV. I look forward to your ongoing support and contributions!

Please forward your presentations for next year's Journal to me by 31 May 2025.

JJR Featherstone

Secretary and Editor in Chief, The Journal Otterburn Society.

Where are we ?

Shaftesbury is small market town in north Dorset, close to the Wiltshire border. It is perched on the top of a hill with commanding views over the surrounding countryside. There's something quite charming about this traditional town, that's reminiscent of times gone by.

History

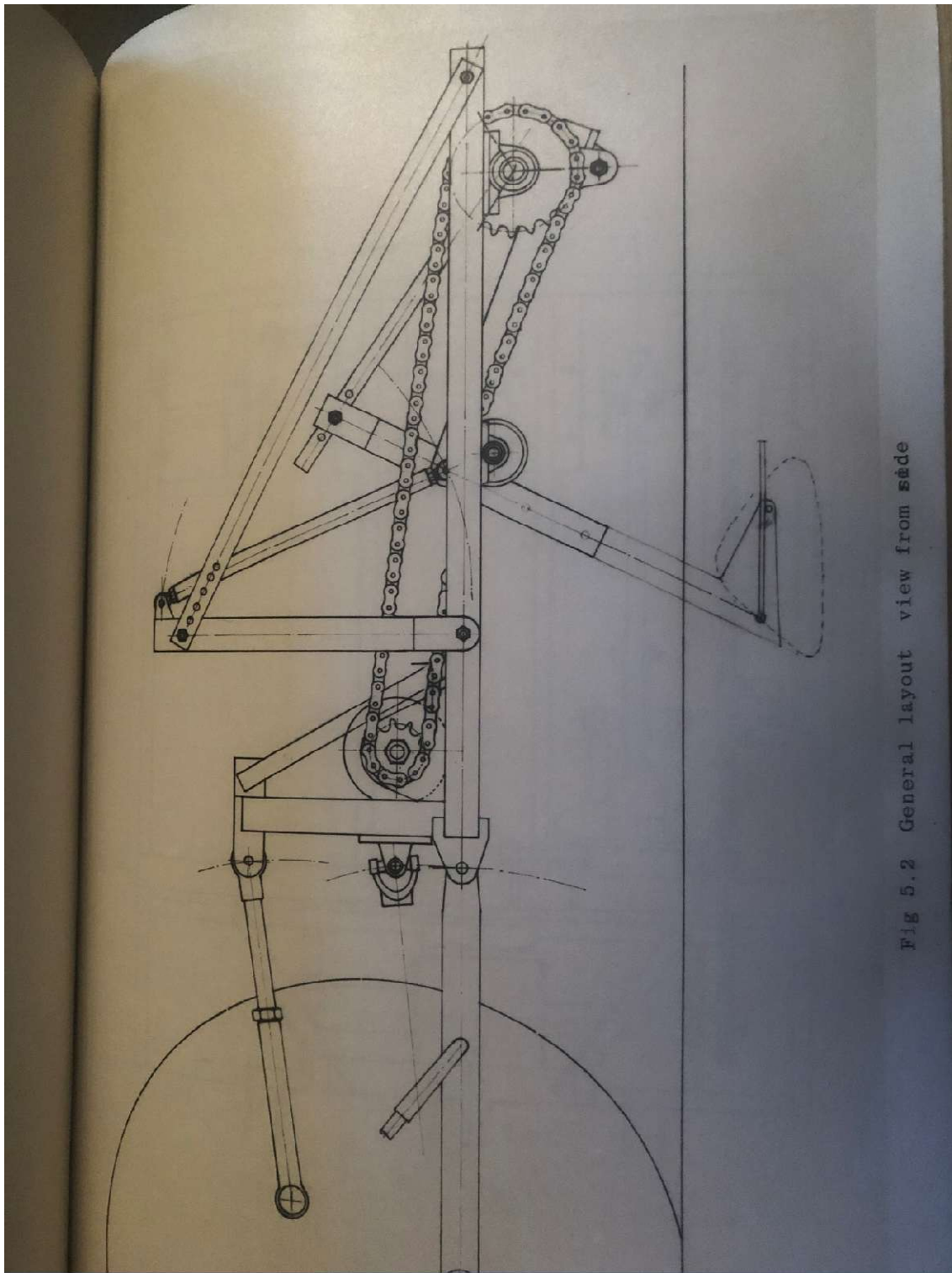
Shaftesbury has a rich and varied history. It was founded in the Saxon era and many of the tourist attractions delve further into the areas past. The Shaftesbury Town Museum is situated in a small cottage and run by a team of volunteers. There are a number of collections and exhibits which offer an insight into the various industries that were relied upon in the town.

Abbey Museum & Gardens sits on the site of a Benedictine nunnery within an impressive walled garden. The abbey showcases artefacts unearthed in excavation. It also tells the story of the people who have lived there throughout the ages through a mix of audio and printed guides.

Gold Hill

Shaftesbury is best known for Gold Hill, a picturesque, cobbled street made famous by a popular Hovis bread advert broadcast in the 70s. Each year visitors flock to photograph this beautiful vantage point, which offers views of quaint, thatched cottages and the Blackmore Vale in the distance.

The Deltavator, 1982



An Ode to the Inventor of the Deltavator, Nick Jemmett.

In the fields of Nafferton, where dreams take flight,
Nick Jemmett toiled under sun's golden light.
A student of Ag eng, with a vision so grand,
He dreamed of a machine to transform the land.

And so, the Deltavator, a marvel of might,
A plough's replacement, a future so bright.
When mounted on Massey, it danced through the rows,
Turning earth with precision, where innovation grows.

With every test run, the soil came alive,
A blend of old wisdom and tech to thrive.
At Newcastle upon Tyne, his passion ignited,
A vision for farming that truly delighted.

Fields flourished anew, as Nick's vision took hold,
The Deltavator's promise, a story retold.
A tribute to progress, a nod to the past,
In the heart of agriculture, his legacy cast.

So here's to Nick Jemmett, with foresight so clear,
For turning the wheels of change year after year.
In the world of machines, where challenges gleam,
He's carved out a future, fulfilling the dream.



THE OTTERBURN SOCIETY.

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Treasurer: J.C. Beck
Secretary: Nick Burd

The Manager
OTTERBURN HALL
Otterburn,
Northumberland.

1st Dec 1983

Dear Kieth,

Firstly, I would like to thank you and your staff for ensuring that the second annual gathering of the OTTERBURN Society was a success, which was whole heartedly enjoyed by all our members.

However,

during your holiday, which
incidentally, I hope that you enjoyed.

I must sincerely offer my apologies

the piano!

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and I would like to apologise for that.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] satisfying his hunger in the future.

[REDACTED] been caused by the
members of the OTTERBURN Society to your staff.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] of OTTERBURN HALL.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] John C. Beck, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] damage to the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] members of the
Otterburn Society during their stay. [REDACTED]

I can only again offer my apologies and hope that we may be welcomed as
warmly next year, as we were two weeks ago.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Best wishes for Christmas, and I hope my apologies are accepted.

Yours Sincerely,

Baril Firth

J .C.BECK
(Treasurer)

C.B. FIRTH
(Chairman)