

Pit engines in rare opening

AN OPEN Weekend will be held at Pleasley Pit near Mansfield on 8-9 September 2007, 10am-4pm both days. Visitors can see two of the largest winding engines in the country still in situ in the restored engine house. One engine, a Markham, is under restoration and the other engine restored and turned over via electric motor.

There will also be a display of photographs and mining memorabilia and a flypast by a Lancaster Bomber on Saturday.

From the M1J29 head towards Mansfield on A617 to Pleasley roundabout and take fourth exit then first right on Pit Lane. Contact Laz Brooks for more details, tel 01623 811 378.

U-boat resurfaces at new attraction

THE WWII German U-boat that was based at the former Historic Warships Museum near Birkenhead is due to surface at a Wirral ferry terminal, where it will incorporate a visitor centre.

Scammells at the dockyard

THE 17th South of England Scammell Road Run will be held over the weekend of 13-14 October, with participating vehicles assembling and on display at the Historic Dockyard, Chatham. A Saturday evening barbecue will be followed on Sunday by a 30-mile road run, beginning at 10.30am and following a circular route around the area, arriving back at the dockyard at lunchtime.

All commercials, particularly Scammells, are welcome to take part and entry forms and further details may be obtained from either Roger Mortimore (01622 813451) or Peter Dawson (01732 351256).

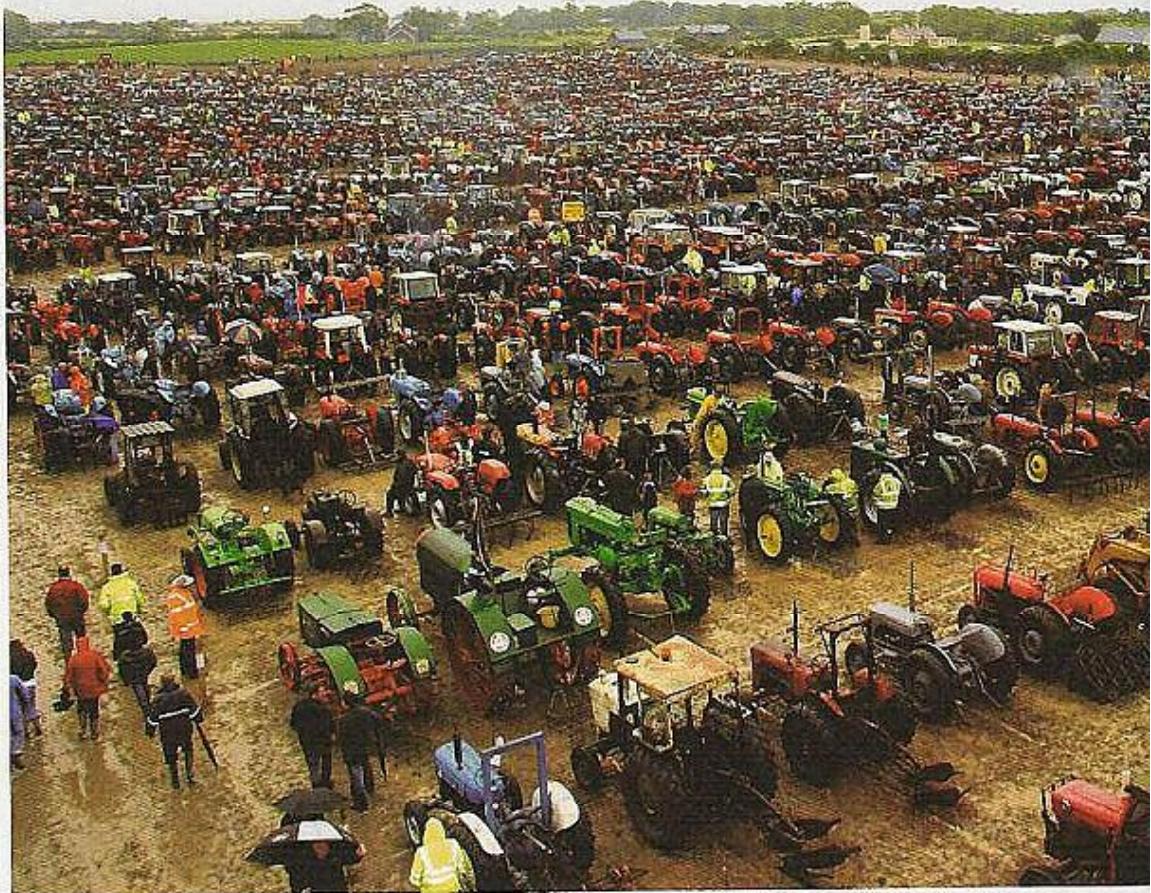
In steam at Coldharbour

THE Coldharbour Mill and Museum at Uffculme, Devon is presenting its horizontal and beam engines in steam from 11am-4pm over the weekend of 1-2 September. Tours of the mill are also available with admission at \$6.25 adults to the mill or \$3.50 for the steam engines only. For further details, tel 01884 840960.

Win a galloper horse at Dorset

SHOWMAN Joby Carter will paint a glass fibre replica of an Anderton horse within the Restoration Services tent at Great Dorset Steam Fair throughout Wednesday to Saturday while running a draw for a children's charity. The lucky winner will get the name of their choice painted on the horse on the Sunday.

KEEPING IT AT COOLEY: IRISH



UNDER wet and very muddy conditions, the rain stopped just in time on Sunday 5 August for a staggering total of 4572 pre-1977 tractors to set a new world record at the Cooley Festival in Co Louth, Republic of Ireland, for the most tractors working together in one field, reports Peter Love.

The all-Ireland Guinness Book of World Records attempt used no modern tractors at all and was held 'in the spirit of the very first record attempt for classic, vin-

tage and veteran tractors'.

The new world record was set at 3.45pm, and with 4572 participating tractors, this is a record that will stand for many years to come. Another record was also set for the most tractors in one place in the world.

Founder of the record attempts, Wilfred Mole of South Africa, took part in the record-breaking attempt with his Holder tractor, and the event was watched by organiser John Hanlon and his thousands of

supporters. A special mention must be made of Caroline Hanlon for all her dedicated hard work and also the rest of John's family and the many helpers from both the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland.

Garrett showman's moves to Republic

Whistling off the start of the attempt at 3.45pm precisely was 1908 6hp Garrett showman's



The record-breaking attempt is underway. RORY DAY