



# RURAL HERITAGE

A calendar of countryside traditions and history for 2026







# JANUARY 2026

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	Wk 1		1 New Year's Day	2 Bank Holiday (Scotland)	3	4
5	Wk 2	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	Wk 3	19	20	21	22	23
25	Wk 4	26	27	28	29	30
31	Wk 5					

## ON WAR WORK

With the Second World War looming the British Government realised there would be a need for a dramatic increase in food production. One solution was the mechanization of British farms – another was the replacement of male land workers with a women's land army. Three land girls are muck spreading with a Fordson Model N, the most popular tractor of the Second World War.



## DECEMBER 2025

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

## FEBRUARY 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	





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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	Wk 5					1
2	Wk 6	3	4	5	6	7
Bank Holiday (Eire)	Wk 7	10	11	12	13	14
16	Wk 8	17	18	19	20	21
23	Wk 9	24	25	26	27	28

## STEAM AND SNOW

In 1887 the company renamed Edwin Foden Sons and Co. Ltd. At Sandbach, Cheshire, were producing industrial steam engines, traction engines and in 1901 a 3 ton steam wagon – the basis of a successful run of vehicles over the next 30 years. This Foden 4hp road haulage tractor has safely delivered timber butts to a sawmill following a fall of snow.



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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

## MARCH 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
30	31					1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29





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# MARCH 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	Wk 9					1 <small>St David's Day (Wales)</small>
2	Wk 10	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	Wk 12	17	18	19	20	21
28	Wk 13	24/31 <small>St Patrick's Day (BH N Ireland &amp; Eire)</small>	25	26	27	28
29/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29 <small>British Summer time starts</small>

## OUT WITH STEAM: IN WITH DIESEL

With the decline in demand for steam power in the 1920s Fowlers started searching for new products to manufacture at their 'Steam Plough Works' in Leeds. They settled on crawler tractors and gyrotillers. The 25 diesel crawler tractor was introduced in 1933. Thirty two were produced – later models like this rare 1934



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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

### APRIL 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			





# APRIL 2026

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	Wk 14	1	2	3	4	5
6	Wk 15	8	9	10 Good Friday	11	12
13 Easter Monday	Wk 16	15	16	17	18	19
20	Wk 17	22	23	24	25	26
27	Wk 18	29	30 St George's Day (England)			

## COUNTRYSIDE SKILL

The purpose of hedge laying is to provide a barrier to livestock, strengthen and encourage new growth in existing hedges and to provide protection for crops and wildlife. Hedge laying styles vary: this is the Midland/Derbyshire style - upright stems are partially severed and laid at an angle to allow sap to rise. Stakes are placed along the hedge to add strength and can be bound together with hazel (whips).



## MARCH 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
30	31					1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

## MAY 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31





# MAY 2026

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Bank Holiday						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Bank Holiday						

## AN APPLE A DAY

These Gloucestershire old spot pigs had a vague history until a breed society was formed in 1913. Sadly numbers declined and in the 1970s it became a rare breed. Very hardy – given a good shelter the pig can spend the whole year outside. They would often graze orchards – according to Gloucestershire folklore the spots are in fact bruises caused by falling apples!

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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

### JUNE 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					





# JUNE 2026

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 <small>Bank Holiday (Eire)</small>	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 <small>Longest day</small>
29	30					

## SHAKE ON IT

A farmer buys a Marshall 3A tractor from agents C C Nichols & Co in Lincolnshire. Marshalls originally conceived their single cylinder engined tractors in 1930, the 3A being the final version. Despite improved engine power, cooling, transmission and a Fowler orange paint scheme, increased competition from smoother running multi-cylindered tractors caused diminishing sales and production ceased in 1957.

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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

## JULY 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		





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# JULY 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	Wk 27	1	2	3	4	5
6	Wk 28	7	8	9	10	11
13	Wk 29	14	15	16	17	18
Bank Holiday (N Ireland)	Wk 30	21	22	23	24	25
20						26
27	Wk 31	28	29	30	31	

## MILKING TIME

A herd of Friesian cows make their way to the first of two daily milking sessions. Friesian cattle were imported through the east coast ports of England and Scotland from northern Holland during the 19th century; a society was formed in 1909 to promote the breed. A dual-purpose role, milk and meat, was encouraged in the 1930's and 40's and numbers expanded rapidly after the war.



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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

## AUGUST 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
31					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30





# AUGUST 2026

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	Wk 31				1	2
Bank Holiday (Excl. Scotland)						
3	Wk 32	4	5	6	7	8
Bank Holiday (Scotland & Eire)						
10	Wk 33	11	12	13	14	15
17	Wk 34	18	19	20	21	22
24/31	Wk 35	25	26	27	28	29
						30

## DUST STORM

With storm clouds threatening, a 1996 New Holland TX62 combine with 5 metre header and Ford engine is hard at work attempting to finish the harvest. The outside of the field has been cut and baled previously; the straw used for in wintering sheep. The New Holland Machine Co. founded 1895 in America has been taken over and merged notably by Ford in '86 and Fiat in '91.



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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

## SEPTEMBER 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				





# SEPTEMBER 2026

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1 <small>Wk 36</small>	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 <small>Wk 37</small>	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 <small>Wk 38</small>	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 <small>Wk 39</small>	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 <small>Wk 40</small>	30				

## EXTRA RATIONS

Two collie dogs control a flock of sheep as a stockman shares out extra rations. Waiting in the wings is a little grey Fergie TE20 tractor which was introduced in 1946, designed by Harry Ferguson, half a million of these were built by the Standard Motor Company in Coventry. Many variations in the design became available along with a whole range of 'extras' like this cab and lighting kit.

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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

### OCTOBER 2026

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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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# OCTOBER 2026

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	<small>Wk 40</small>		1	2	3	4
5	<small>Wk 41</small>	6	7	8	9	10
12	<small>Wk 42</small>	13	14	15	16	17
19	<small>Wk 43</small>	20	21	22	23	24
26	<small>Wk 44</small>	27	28	29	30	31
						<small>British Summertime ends</small>

Bank Holiday (Eire)

## FIELD MARSHALL'S TEA BREAK

The first Marshall tractor was built in 1930 at the factory in Gainsborough, Lincolnshire. One of its most notable features was its single cylinder engine, an engine design popular in tractors on mainland Europe at the time, but not favoured here. Two variants of Field Marshall are depicted here, the green one is a 1938 Model M and the orange one an example of the last of the single cylinder range, the series 3A dating from circa 1955.

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28	29	30				

### NOVEMBER 2026

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# NOVEMBER 2026

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	Wk 44					1
St Andrew's Day (Scotland)	Wk 45					
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	Wk 46	10	11	12	13	14
16	Wk 47	17	18	19	20	21
23/30	Wk 48	24	25	26	27	28
						29

## ON THE BEETEN TRACK

In 1945 J. C. Bamford started building farm trailers, quickly progressing to the manufacture of his famous yellow diggers. Research showed the demand for a dual purpose farm vehicle and so in 1991 JCB launched the Fastrac - the first high speed (40mph) tractor which could also operate at slow speeds required in field work. This Fastrac 3185 is using a Bailey trailer to service a Dutch Vervaet beet harvester.

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## DECEMBER 2026

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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			





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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1 <small>Wk 49</small>	2	3	4	5	6
7 <small>Wk 50</small>	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 <small>Wk 51</small>	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 <small>Wk 52</small>	22	23	24	25	26	27
<small>Shortest day</small> 28 <small>Wk 53</small>	29	30	31	<small>Christmas Day</small>	<small>Boxing Day</small>	
<small>Bank Holiday</small>						

## A GROWTH INDUSTRY

'Dusters' and 'Sprayers' started appearing on British farms following the development of growth promoting fertilizers in the early 20th Century. This 1925 horse drawn traction sprayer manufactured by the Canadian farm equipment company Massey Harris has a wheel driven pump delivering liquid fertilizer from a fifty gallon tank to the crop via a fold down boom.



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## JANUARY 2027

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