

TRANSPORT SPECIAL



WELCOME TO THE OPAL TRANSPORT SPECIAL

Now some areas of lockdown are easing, some of us have been able to dust down our cars and head out and about more. With this in mind, REACH has discovered some of our very own community have some beautiful and interesting vehicles to travel about in!



John owns a 1931 (Feb) Aston Martin, International model. John says "it's fitted with 3 litre prototype engine in place of 1.5 litre original. Top speed unknown, (not brave enough). We have driven with the Speedo needle against the stop at 100mph. (Spanish motorway with Police escort!) Not very pleasant at that speed. My wife was not smiling at the time!"

Pictured right is Alan's fabulous 1952 Lea-Francis 4 light saloon at Kelsall Steam Rally. Lea-Francis cars were built in Coventry, and production stopped in 1960. The 4 light saloon was a cherished, rare vehicle and is Alan's pride and joy. He bought it in 1976 and proudly displayed it at many local shows.



FARRALL'S GROUP

Many of you will have noticed that OPAL Reach is kindly printed by Farrall's Group, but for those who are not familiar with the Farrall family, here is a short history of a local family business based in Ashton Hayes.

Eddie Farrall founded Edwin C Farrall Transport in 1956 with his wife Joan and it has now gone

on to the third generation of Farrall's, who have helped to expand the business which is one of the North West's most respected logistics suppliers. Eddie showed a keen interest in business and logistics from a young age when he delivered sticks on a homemade goat cart (pictured right). They started business with a 3 ton Bedford lorry soon replacing it with a more financially viable Seddon, which they went onto trade in to buy their first new lorry, a Thames Trader, which to this day is one of



their proudest moments. Their hard work paid off and business soon started to boom, moving into Ashton Hayes in 1961, and the rest, as they say is history!







Eddie & Joan retired in 1995 handing over the reins to their sons Mike & Mark and daughter-in-law Elaine, and after progressive growth in vehicles and warehousing, rebranded as Farrall's Group. The baton is now safely in the hands of Eddie & Joan's grandchildren Kat & Matthew. The family continue to live in and support the village of Ashton Hayes and if it were not for Eddie's determination and Joan's support for his vision, the company would not be the success it is today.

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DOWN

- 1. Floating craft that has a basket attached (3,3,7)
- 2.Lightweight boat, like a kayak
- 3. A person who travels on a bus or a train
- 4. Under the bonnet in a car
- 6. You need this to travel to another planet
- 8. ____ship not on water
- 10. Racing cars line up on this at the race start
- 13. This catches the wind to move the boat
- 15. Trains travel on these
- 16, A type of boat used for leisure
- 18. A pick-up
- 20 An Ice cream ___
- 21 You do this in a boat with an oar
- 22. You hire one to take you somewhere

ACROSS

- 1.Sometimes called a "chopper"
- 5.It can be single or double decked
- 7. Travels on rails
- 9. You can go ___ ____on a yacht
- 11. You do this to a car
- 12. Short for bicycle
- 14. Transports goods by road
- 17. These special cars compete on a track
- 19. This can travel over land and water
- 23 What a sled would travel on

Did you own a car in the 70s? Was it a one of the popular models?

According to the Honest John website, the best selling cars in the 1970s were:

- 1. Ford Cortina
- 6. Austin Allegro
- 2. Ford Escort 3. Morris Marina
- 7. Ford Capri 8. Austin 1100/1300
- 4. Mini
- 9. Ford Granada
- 10.Hillman Avenger Vauxhall Viva



1. Vauxhall 2. Morris 3. Lotus 4. Rover 5. Aston Martin 6. Bentley

NAME THE LOGOS

Down -1) hot air balloon 2) canoe 3) passenger 4) engine 6) spaceship 8) air 10) grid 13) sail 15) railway 16) yacht 18) truck 20) van 21) row 22) taxi

wons (82 Across – 1) helicopter 5) bus 7) train 9) sailing 11) drive 12) bike 14) lorry 17)racing 19) hovercraft CROSSWORD



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