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9-11 SEPTEMBER

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16-18 SEPTEMBER

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EDITORIAL

THE OUTDOOR SHOW SEASON HAS ONLY ONE MONTH TO GO - THE SUMMER SEEMS TO COME AND GONE VERY QUICKLY THIS YEAR

Up until the 26th August we recorded 38mm of rain and then on the 27th, during the Stapleford Steam Rally, over 30mm fell in 24 hours, most of which fell during a very heavy two hour storm late in the afternoon. However much of August has seemed much more 'Summery' than of late. So nice to have consecutive days of sunshine, and as the saying goes, " if the 24th of August be fair and clear, then hope for a prosperous Autumn that year " we are living in hope! The 24th August happens to be St. Bartholomew's Day and his motto runs on from the one about St. Swithin in that "all the tears that St. Swithin can cry St. Bartholomew's mantle will wipe them dry".

The combines have been working long into the evening recently and several fields are ploughed up ready for sowing the next crops. This time last year we were wondering if the harvest would ever happen as it was so wet!!!

We were hoping that the fine weather would hold for Lincoln Steam and Vintage Rally and except for the wind it was summery.

We were up in Wales over the weekend of the 12th - 14th August celebrating my brother-in-law's 70th birthday - the weather was glorious so hopefully those attending the Retrofestival on Newbury Showground, or The Western Motorhome Show at Malvern also had a similarly sunny weekend.

We are now looking forward, in September, to the Bedfordshire Steam and Country Fair which takes place on Old Warden Park near Biggleswade. It's the year of the Showman's so hopefully Henry Burrell will be in attendance. A week later we hope to be at the the Kettering Steam Rally near Cranford, Northamptonshire.

A number of you have been in touch to buy this and that ready for the imminent Autumn Departure to sunnier climes for the winter. Travel safely all of you and keep in touch we love hearing about your adventures. To those of you remaining this side of the Channel or Pond travel safely too in the lovely Autumn weather that St Bartholomew is going to send!

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