

Harvest Festival

Here you see a man cutting corn with a scythe this was an implement, which was used a long time ago. This corn was a very important crop and this man here is tying a scythe of corn that has been cut by the scythe and he uses the corn to make a band to tie sheath.

Now you see a tractor and mowing machine coming along if you notice this man has a rake and he's putting the bundles of corn out in wee bunches to tie it. Then the next thing is a binder which cuts the corn and ties the sheaf's and puts them out in a line opposite that you can go round the next time without moving over them tramping over them.

There's a man making a band big enough to tie a sheaf of corn he ties the two together that's been called a stook of corn. Now they're stacking this up in four stooks to let it dry that will sit for 2 weeks and then its put into huts after that.

Here now you can the corn has been put into huts and now they're bringing green grass to cover the huts to keep them dry and they'll sit there for a month or so until they dry out and ready for threshing or to build into stacks.

This man here he's shaking out the grass he's covering the huts and after them huts are covered then there's ropes put round the hut to keep the thatch on the hut.

Here is the huts now being moved on ahead now with the tractor and buck rake and this man here he's starting to build a stack which is bigger that it can be kept until its ready to be trashed. So they put a man up on the bonnet to keep the front wheels down.

Here you see a Ross bailer bailing the straw after it has been trashed. Now you can see a man forking the straw up onto the trashier and there's the man feeding

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the straw or the corn into the thrasher. And that is a Ross bailer which is doing the bailing of the straw, a 1939 Fordson fitted with a Perkins engine. And there's the straw/corn coming out of the thrasher into bags which that corn will be used to feed the farmers animals in the winter time that's the bails coming out of the bailer now at that time.

There's the corn stack again and its nearly half roads thrashed down now and there is the corn in a horse cart converted to pull by a tractor, that corns going to be carted into the house and that is the straw being carted into the house to for safe keeping for the winter time and to be used through the winter.

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