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Old Moor RSPB was previously Old Moor Farm. A working Farm run by my parents Willis and Alice Gascoigne, who farmed it from 1939 to 1998.

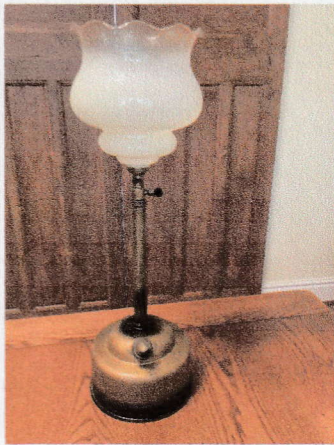
It was an Organic Farm, natural fertilised with manure from the animals. No pesticides were used. All crops grown were used to feed the animals which were Cattle, Pigs and Hens.

Growing up on the farm was at times difficult but always an adventure.

There was no electricity connected either in the Farm Buildings or the Farmhouse until 1968 when I was 15.

Rooms were lit by Calor Gas Lamps, and I went to bed with a small paraffin lamp.

Evenings were spent listening to the Battery operated Radio.



Washing Day, took all day. Filling the galvanised tub with hot water boiled in the copper. Agitating the washing with a posser, then putting it through the wringing machine to get as much water out as possible.

The farm was next to a railway line, and sometimes the drying washing got covered in soot from the Steam Trains and have to be washed again.

