



VINTAGE September 2010 TORQUE

Tractor Road Run Presentation

Peter Thorpe presenting the trophy to Cliff Armsby who raised £220 for charity.

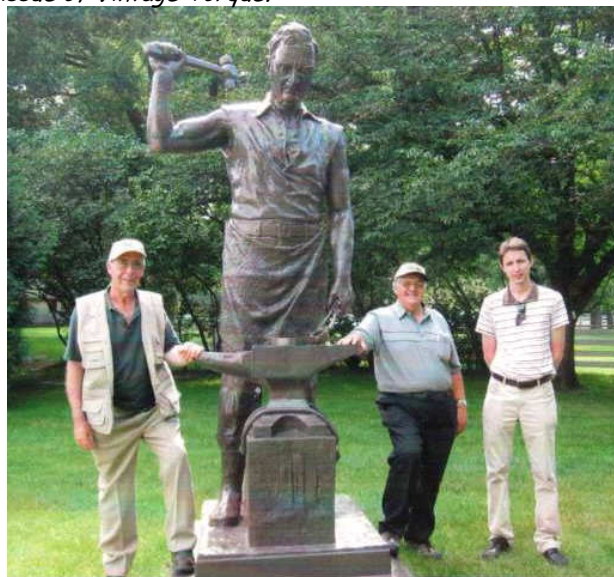


U.S.A. Tour

Darren Tebbitt, Terry Myhill and Malcolm Bush standing beside the John Deere Statue at Grand Detour, Illinois on their USA Tour. Many thanks to Darren for his excellent arrangements and Terry for his safe driving. As for me, I sat back and enjoyed the ride.

Malcolm Bush

Read Darren's full account of the trip in the next issue of Vintage Torque.



'Pink Lady' Road Run

Chris Hunt and Judy Webb were 2 of 105 ladies who drove their tractors, all dressed in pink, on July 4th to support Breast Cancer Care. *Read Chris' comments on page 6.* The cheque presentation will be made on September 3rd and an article by John Chapman will be included in December issue of Vintage Torque. Well done Pink Ladies!



Downham Market Carnival



MIDSUMMER VINTAGE TRACTOR CHARITY ROAD RUN 2010

Based at Beachamwell and Supporting the East Anglian Air Ambulance

Sunday 20thst June saw 18 entrants, supported by other members and friends, gather at Beachamwell for the NVTEC East Anglia Group's 6th annual sponsored vintage tractor road-run from this venue.

The philosophy of the run is quite simple. The entrants get to trundle their tractors round pretty countryside and a very worthwhile charity gains a few quid. Each tractor must be sponsored to a minimum of £10.00 with the driver of the one gaining the most sponsorship winning a trophy, sponsored by Frontier Agriculture Ltd.

We set off at 10.30 travelling off road through Shingham to Gooderstone and Foulton and returning to Beachamwell for lunch. We lost one companion on this leg when a puncture turned into a cracked radiator!

Our afternoon run went towards Oxborough, cut back cross-country before reaching Eastmoor. From here we again went "off road" down into

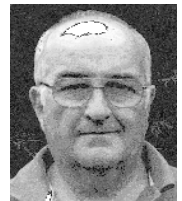
Boughton Fen returning via Barton Bendish to Beachamwell.

The competition for the trophy was close but Cliff Armsby just edged it with £220.00. Overall we raised £1095.00 for the Air Ambulance.

We would like to express our thanks to Beachamwell both for the support and welcome we received and tolerating the intrusion into their pretty village. Thanks are also due to Richard Bailey of Albanwise and John Rix for allowing us access to their farms. Both drivers and supporters were grateful for the staff at the Great Dane keeping them refuelled.

Finally I must thank the entrants for their efforts in fundraising and support in making it a pleasure to organise.

Andrew Hunt



Peter Thorpe leading the start of the Road Run with his Fordson Power Major.



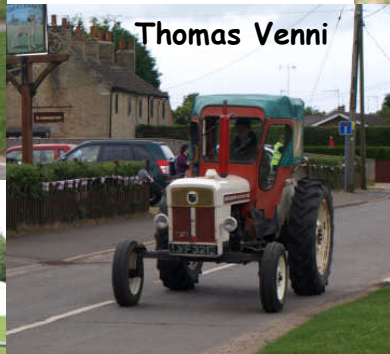
T. Muttock



Daniel Mycock



Thomas Venni



Neil Ayres



Michael Giles



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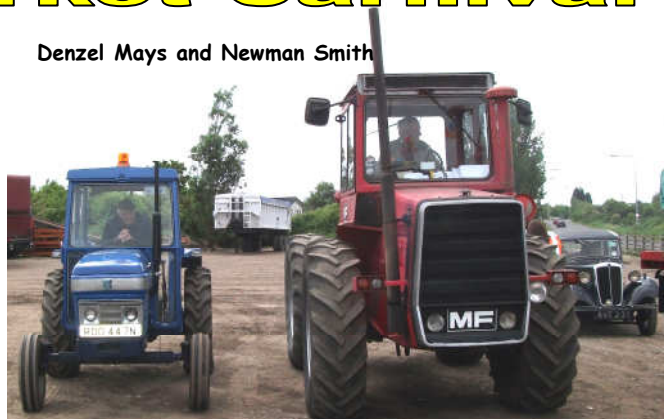
Once again the Club supported Downham Market Carnival with a good turnout of tractors and a few cars. The theme was the Circus and David Askew played the part as our clown, *see front page*. The weather played its part as the morning started off wet and miserable but by lunch time the clouds cleared, the sun came out and the streets were full of onlookers as we paraded through the town to the Howdale. Once again our efforts have been rewarded as we were presented with the Vintage Section Shield.

Peter Thorpe

C. Keeble, David Askew, Keith Thorpe, David Mycock, Graham Bliss, Dick Bailey, Denzel Mays, Keith Gore, Newman Smith



Denzel Mays and Newman Smith



C. Keeble

Friends of St Botolphs Charity Tractor Road Run

The highly successful and enjoyable road run from Manor Farm Grimston on Sunday, June 27th attracted 36 tractors from as far afield as Royston in Cambridgeshire. The event raised over £1200 for Friends of St Botolph's, a charity established to repair and maintain the grand old village church. Members of the charity helped steward the event. Champion fund raiser was Marcus Twite from the village driving a Case LA, who raised £230.

Led by Roger Coe the run took place over some 22 miles taking in Great Massingham, for lunch on the

green, and Sandringham. The event was supplemented by static displays of vintage tractors, machinery and thrashing tackle with two working steam engines. After the run, activities included hog roast, BBQ and beer tent with most drivers staying on and the local population and enthusiasts coming to enjoy the machinery and refreshments.

Roger Coe and Friends of St Botolph's would like to thank all who made the run and supported the event.

Andrew Hunt



Lunch on Great Massingham Green

Cornerways Nursery Visit

Forty club members had a very enjoyable and informative evening at Cornerways Nursery for our Summer visit this year. Our guide Robert led us into the HUGE greenhouse, which is filled to the rafters with half a million tomato plants. He amazed us with facts and figures such as there is 140 miles of pipes in the green houses, transmitting heat produced at the sugar beet factory. The factory also provides all the CO₂ needed to promote optimum growth. All the water used to irrigate the green houses is collected from the roofs of the green houses, pumped into a lake throughout the winter, and then used through the growing season to water the plants.



There is no chemical pest control, insects are used to predate other pests, and bumble bees pollinate all the plants. There is even a giant car wash, which washes all the glass roofs every year.

We were given a taste of the cherry tomatoes being gathered in the second greenhouse, which, although very tasty, was felt by some members of the group not to be as flavoursome as home grown. Robert agreed that mass grown could not quite match home grown, but all agreed that they came a very close second.

Shane Martins

Cambridgeshire Steam Rally & Country Show

This rally has replaced the former Woodgreen Rally of Godmanchester. The organisers, also from Woodgreen, have found an ideal location to hold this event and with plenty of space they are getting the set up well laid out. This was the 2nd year for them here and, again from the reports and feedback I received, looks like it could have a great future.

There was a big increase of exhibitors from last year in all sections and, as usual, as words spreads so it may increase next year.

The steamer section was well supported with both large and small steamers, all looking good. On to the tractor section where there was a large display of all makes and sizes and then on to a very big selection of vintage cars and commercials. Once again the Sunday sunshine brought them out for the day. The stationary engine section showed a big increase in exhibitors although there were several of the same make on show, but still a good turnout.

There were several static and awning displays, not

forgetting the fine selection of Gypsy and other types of old caravans and the lady with her Alpacas and the gentleman with his decorated Shire horses. Side stalls selling all sorts of new and second hand goods were arranged around the ring...always good for a rummage and useful spares etc. No doubt more would be welcome. Proving popular was a small fair giving various rides and a nicely turned out train giving rides around the site.

Perhaps the organisers might like to consider putting a few more direction signs at various points along the route to aid both exhibitors and visitors. This may bring in a few more of the public although it was well supported. All in all, this is an event that I think has a good future in the Rally Calendar. Well done to them!

Cliff Smith



Swanton Morley



Once again I had the pleasure of Exhibiting at the Swanton Morley Tractor and Bygone Rally and, as expected, everything was laid out in a well thought out arrangement by the organisers. This event appears to go from strength to strength and as word spreads it seems to get bigger and better each year. So much so that the organisers have had to look for a different venue for next years event.



This years rally showed a big increase in all the exhibits with some 40 plus tractors, 68 stationery engines, 70 plus vintage cars and motor cycles, (more on Sunday) and a good variety in all classes. Several side stalls attended displaying ,amongst other things, vintage cycles, model steam engines, old fuel and oil cans and an assortment of vintage woodworking saws and tools. Also various goods and the ever popular car boot stalls on both days.



The ring events were well attended especially on the Sunday when there was a dog agility event being held, (always a crowd puller.) Various craft stalls were again held in the village hall, also a nice display. With the tractor road run held on the Saturday evening and a bar and entertainment in the hall it all helped to make this another successful weekend. Although the weather was somewhat inclement on the Saturday, the Sunday turned out to be very warm and drew the people in making it an enjoyable rally.

Next years event is being held at the new venue of Hunters Hall which is just up the road from the present site and at a new date of September 15th & 16th 2011. Lets hope it continues to be a success and a credit to the organisers.

Cliff Smith

Red Diesel Use

The information below is taken from National Farmers Union press release dated 8th July 2010

The NFU and NFU Scotland have worked with HMRC to clarify the use of red diesel at agricultural shows. Agricultural tractors, agricultural engines, agricultural material handlers and light agricultural vehicles (as defined in HMRC Notice 75) can now also use rebated fuel in the following circumstances:

When travelling to, from or participating in events which:

- are inherently linked to an agricultural, horticultural or forestry operation, or
- educate and develop skills within the agricultural, horticultural and forestry industries, or
- promote agriculture, horticulture and forestry within the industry or to the general public.

Neither the travel nor the participation must be for the commercial gain of the owner of the vehicle.

HMRC has stated that it does not expect travel (one way) to exceed 15 miles and the use of machinery must

be in accordance with the appropriate DVLA vehicle and driver licensing guidelines.

Examples of the types of activities allowed under these rules include:

Travel to/from a local agricultural show by a farmer using machinery such as a tractor or telehandler to help set up/dismantle the show-ground.

Travel to/from a local agricultural show by an agricultural processing vehicle being used in a demonstration at the show.

Travel to/from and participation in a local ploughing contest by an agricultural tractor.

Regular commercial markets, car boot sales, music festivals are examples of activities that do not qualify under these rules.

Hopefully this clarifies and simplifies the use red diesel in our hobby.

Andrew Hunt

Chairman's Chat: Peter Thorpe

This summer has continued to be busy and thriving for the club. For the first time the National Tractor Road Run has been in our area, *read Malcolm Bush's article on the back page*, and many of you took the opportunity to take part. We, as a club, have been invited and involved in other events outside of our own programme, Grimstone Tractor Road Run, the Pink Ladies Tractor Road Run and Downham Carnival which is encouraging for the future of the club.

I myself was asked to take the salute at the Royal Norfolk Show for the parade of old and modern machinery called 'Times They Are A Changing.' I was proud and honoured to stand in the Presidents

box and represent the club in this way.

Having had a malfunction at the very last minute with my tractor which caused me to miss the Walpole Steam Fair it



is a good time to assess what needs looking at and projects for the winter workshop. In your enthusiasm don't forget from the 3rd Thursday in October the Winter Meetings begin at Ryston Golf Club and is a good chance to bring a new friend along to join us.

Peter

Membership Matters and More with Chris Hunt

Hi Everyone



As you will know this is the time of year for all things vintage. Well I have just completed the Pink Ladies Road Run and with me was Judy Webb plus 105 ladies. It really was a sight to see! I had no idea how much variation there can be in pink. Some of you will know that I had a pair of flashing boobs attached to my tractor. That's a thank you to Reg Fletcher, they looked great. We must say thank you to Annie, John and all their helpers, it was a great day. The emotion was just as huge this year as it was last. Thank you

Now to the other things in the club. As you also know we will have our ploughing week end on 4th and 5th September please contact Malcolm Mycock for your entry forms on 01366 500250.

Now to the last part of my job as membership secretary. I have the sad job of telling you all that Roy Waller, who was a great part of the Stradsett Rally Week end, died in July. He had been ill for a while. I'm sure you would all like me to wish Sylvie and the family your kind thoughts.

To all those who are not able to join in keep smiling and take care.

Chris

More Sad News

I was saddened to hear of the sudden and untimely death of Mrs Joy Peachey who for many years, together with her husband Albie, was a familiar site at many rallies over the past twenty years. Both Joy and Albie were very welcoming to new exhibitors and always keen to give advice and guidance to newcomers. I have offered condolences to Albie and family on behalf of club members following their deep loss.

Ted Gray

Club Clothing can be ordered at the Winter Meetings as stock is limited

Short Sleeve Polos some sizes are in stock: £11

Baseball Caps, £5.70

Sweat Shirts, limited stock at £15

Short Sleeve poplin shirts, limited stock at £15

Jackets need to be ordered especially

Telephone Viv 01553 617653 to place your order and arrange delivery and to enquire about other possibilities for club clothing.



Do you have a story to tell maybe a restoration of a tractor or engine or you have enjoyed taking part in an event? You don't need to have been a winner, just willing to share your experience with others, so please contact me, my details are on the next page. I look forward to hearing from you. Deadline for the December issue is Friday November 12th. Once again, many thanks for all the contributions, I always want to hear from you, and remember 'a picture paints a 1,000 words! Viv

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**Notification of the Annual General Meeting
Of the
National Vintage Tractor and Engine Club
East Anglia Group**

It will take place on Thursday November 18th 2010
7.30pm at Ryston Park Golf Club

Proposed Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Adopt Minutes of the A.G.M. held on Nov. 15th 2009
3. Matters arising from the minutes of AGM 2009
4. Chairman's Report
5. Secretary's Report
6. Treasurer's report
7. Membership Secretary's Report
8. Election of Officers and Committee

Chair	Vice Chair
Secretary	Treasurer
Membership Secretary	Meetings Secretary
Safety Officer	Newsletter Editor
Rally Organiser	Committee Members

Please send in written nominations for any of these positions, signed by the person being nominated and one proposer, to the Secretary, Ted Gray at Laurel Bank, School Road, St. Germans, King's Lynn, Norfolk, PE34 3DR. Please also notify the secretary, in writing, of any other items you wish to be included in the Agenda. Nominations and Agenda items to be received no later than November 1st 2010

Winter Meetings: Hello Everyone, My name is Shane Martins and I am the Winter Meetings Co-ordinator for our club. I have arranged for five speakers to come along this winter to give us presentations that I hope you will all find enjoyable and informative. If you have any special topics that you would like to hear about, or if you know of anyone who gives presentations such as we have, please contact me on 01485 542034 or speak to me at the meetings and let me have their details so we can make sure the evenings are covering the topics that you want to know about. The meetings are held at Ryston Park Golf Club along the A10 on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7.30pm. Members and guests are very welcome.



October 21st: David Grimes: Memory Lane

November 18th: AGM and

Cheque Presentations to Charities

December 16th: Bart Keeny: The B.K. Museum

January 20th: Dr Paul Richards: Victorian Lynn & Savages Engineering

February 17th: Jim Bacon: Talking Weather

March 17th: David Grimes: Memory Lane

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National Tractor Road Run

On Thursday April 1st we set off with the caravan to Terry and Yvonne Myhill's at Foulsham, where my tractor was waiting for me. As this was the first outing this year Terry thought my tractor needed a spring clean with his steam cleaner, which was much appreciated. After loading the lorry and eating a nice meal prepared for us by Yvonne I suddenly realised that I had left all the road run paperwork at home. Terry and I then had an unexpected trip home to collect it!

Later, we settled down for the night in the caravan. Joan slept all night but, I, on the other hand didn't! The new stray dog, Sam, who found us on the previous Sunday scratched all night and the budgie, Joey, decided to fall off his perch at some stage. Then to top it all off a blackbird thought it was a good idea to start singing at 4.30ish am! So you could say I had a disturbed night. I needed a pit stop or two! After breakfast we set off and arrived at Tibenham Airfield and set up for the weekend.



Terry Myhill: John Deere, Malcolm Bush: Ford E27N, Gavin Chapman: Nuffield, June: Ford Dexter, June's sister: Ferguson



Saturday we did a road run to Bressingham Steam Museum, leaving at 10am. After 10 minutes the weather decided that it would chuck down not only rain but hail and we got soaked to the skin! Lunch was enjoyed and then the return journey began. Once again we got soaked even through to my vest! The evening was spent in the hangar where a meal was served while we were entertained by two comedians and a 60's band played.

Sunday we set off to New Buckingham Green at 9.30am using the byroads and lanes. We arrived at the Green to lots of spectators and a good assortment of food stalls and we filled our bellies again. This time we were dry! Leaving at 2pm we had a good run home to the airfield followed by an enjoyable evening. After loading up Monday morning we left for home. A good weekend was had by all. Ps. Sam has now found a good, new home.

Malcolm Bush

STRADSETT WORKING WEEKEND

4th & 5th September at Oak Farm,
Stradsett

Entry forms available from Malcolm Mycock,
telephone 01366 500250

This is a good opportunity to see working tractors,
gain experience, obtain help and have a good time.
A charitable donation will be collected at the venue
and this will be presented at the A.G.M. in November.

DIARY DATES

Skylark Rally 4/5/6th September 01354741212
Sandringham Game & Country Show 11/12th September 01945860224 mob: 07789266423
Haddenham Steam Rally 11/12th September 01487841922
Newark Tractor Show 6/7th November 08702241035

Weeting Winner



Keith Gore pictured in the main ring at the Weeting Steam Rally and Country Show, July 18th 2010 with his Massey Ferguson 65 MK11. He is holding the Carson Trophy that was presented to him as the winner of the Best Tractor 1950 onwards.

Malcolm Bush