



VINTAGE TORQUE

JUNE 2009



Best Fordson: Stuart Bailey



Best Tractor 1930-1939: J. Harrison



Best John Deere: P. Clarke



Best Powered Use of Engine:
J. Searles



Best Exhibit on Site: Tony Missin



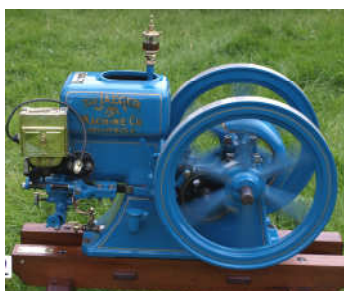
Best Junior Engine: 14yr old
Arron Plaice



2nd Best John Deere: M. Bush

***Congratulations to the
Stradsett Winners 2009***

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Best Stationery Engine: R. Thompson



Best Field Marshall & Best Tractor Restored:
Bryan Ward



Best Tractor 1940-1942: C. Heading



Best International: N. Alderton

Presentation of Trophies by Sir Jeremy Bagge



T. Jeffries: Best Commercial,
Dodge K Type 1968



S. Bailey: Best Fordson Tractor
1956 E27N



P. Clarke: Best John
Deere Tractor 1952



N. Alderton: Best International
Tractor 1958



R. Thompson: Best Stationary
Engine. 1924 Jaeger HP 2. U.S.A.
Used to power the range of cement
mixers



M. Bush: 2nd Best John
Deere Tractor, 1942 John
Deere L



J. Harrison: Best Tractor
Any Make, 1939 Allis
Chalmers



B. Rudland Best Motorcycle
Triumph 500



The Sir Jeremy & Lady
Bagge Salver for the Best
Bygone Exhibit went to
J. Wakefield with display
of hand-held implements.



Tony Missin: Best Exhibit on
Site. A Dennis Condor that
took 4 years to rebuild.



B. Ward: Best Tractor Re-
stored 1950 Field Marshall



B. Ward: Best Series 111
Field Marshall



N. Page Best Classic Car
1930 Ford Tudor Model A



14 year old Aaron Plaice: Best
Junior Engine, Lister



J. Searles: Best
Powered Use of an
Engine, Lister D
powering Sheep
Shearer took 5
years to restore.



C. Heading, Best
Tractor Any
Make, Case DC 3

All pictures in this newsletter are available, on request, in colour, and not cropped, either as a hard copy or by Email. Please contact me, Viv, by 'phone or Email, see Contact details page 6

"What a good show!"

These were words I heard frequently as I toured the rally field on my quest for news items. Once again Andrew Hunt's meticulous preparation over the last year was rewarded by the exhibitors presenting an interesting and wide variety of vintage machinery from the 'completely original' to the 'totally restored.' Amongst the 159 tractors, 106 stationery engines, commercials, classic cars, motorcycles and bygones there were many familiar faces and also several newcomers. Most impressive for me was the range of stationery engines powering a variety of machinery, including the sheep shearing set (which won a trophy) Ted Maile working at his custom made lathe, Ron Edwards milking set and, of course, water pumps, lighting sets, drills and corn mills. The tractors were an inevitable lure for young and old and the standard of restoration and authenticity was high. In the horticulture section an immaculate MG5 owned by A. Buttler caught my attention. Colin Holwell again gave me the benefit of his wealth of knowledge as we perused the tractors, guided by the stewards list provided by Reg Fletcher. I would like to thank both of them for their invaluable help.

The 13th Alabama Historical Society gave a ring demonstration of firing their 1853 Patent N rifles and,

later, at their Field Hospital, amused the crowd with a leg amputation—not for the squeamish! Walking on it was heart warming to hear a proud father say to his young lad that he had done really well to reach the top of the climbing tower—ring the bell and abseil down. A working forge always attracts interest and Richard Hircomb demonstrated his skills at making horse shoes and other pieces of metal-work. Back in the ring, the Lowland Dog Rescue Unit showed the talents of their 'air-scenting' dogs and the Downham Majorettes put on a good display. The Club Information Point received a steady flow of interest and enquiries about membership which pleased our 3 dogs as they had plenty of fuss made over them!

Over the 2 days as I toured the rally ground I heard many interesting tales of restorations and what really came home to me was the great amount of pride evident in achieving a working result. How difficult it must be for the judges to pick a winner amongst so many deserving exhibits! So, thank you to all exhibitors for coming along to make what turned out to be a really good show. Viv



Any volunteers for a demonstration of a Leg amputation at the 13th Alabama Field Hospital?



The Climbing Tower



Ted Maile working at his lathe powered by a Wolsely engine producing beautiful pieces of woodwork.



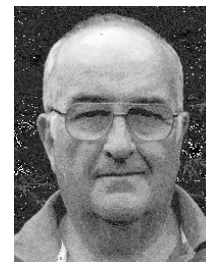
1st time exhibitor, Tom Venie with his 1967 David Brown 880, fitted with a Lambourne cab.



A. Buttler's 1951 MG5 Ransomes Market Garden Cultivator that he acquired in 2006 in a bad state and restored over the winter of 2006/7. Late 1930's HR4 Disc Harrow by Sims & Jefferies, Ipswich, acquired 2008 and restored.

A Huge Thank you from Andrew

The success of any event is dependent upon the organisation and Andrew Hunt certainly left no stone unturned to ensure a good weekend, in fact the only thing he couldn't do anything about was the weather, and in this respect, it seems we were fortunate once again. Behind every show organiser is a team of helpers who are able to accept responsibility for their area, who are present when needed and able to use their initiative when necessary. Andrew has asked me to express a huge thank you from him to everybody (too numerous to mention by name) who helped at Stradsett, Without you it would not have been possible. At the moment it is unclear just how much money we can donate to Tapping House, the nominated charity, as bills are still rolling in, but Andrew will let us know in good time. If you would like to be involved in the running of next years Stradsett Rally please contact either Andrew or Peter and they will be delighted to have your assistance. Viv



It's very tiring being out on the rally field all day as Newman and Denzil well know! Young Bella was supposedly guarding the stock of club clothing!

*Candid Cameraman
Malcolm Bush*



Air Cadets Liam Dowes & Andie Flanagan under Com. Pauline Petch during a break from car-park duties, making a fuss of Gina & Bella at the Information Centre.



'Totally original' Roger Gurney's
2.25 Amanco



P. Banson's 1950 Ferguson TED 20
Vineyard built in Coventry and converted in Arbroath, Scotland. with turned-in mudguards and cut-away bonnet. Known as a Berry Tractor, 1 of 490.



R. Mitchell's 1941 International
Harvester Farmall A 'Cultivision'

Right I. Thompson's 1960 Massey Ferguson 821 has the suppliers name plaque 'Martinais Gautier, Couhe-Verac Vienne'



Left A. Websdale's 1949 Massey Harris 30GS with 4 cylinder continental engine



Right Brian & Angela Long's rare 1909 Wiscona by Termatt & Monahan USA running a 1919 Delco Light Co. Shallow Well Water Pump. Both found as scrap.





OBITUARY OF GEORGE HENRY THOMPSON

It is with great sadness to report the passing of George on 20th December 2008, aged 76. He had a lengthy spell of 12 weeks in Peterborough hospital, and, sadly, whilst in there, he suffered a very rare stroke known as a watershed stroke, which left him with very limited mobility. He battled on to the very end, something that those who knew him, would expect from such a strong willed person.

George was born on "Oak Apple Day" as it was known then, the 29th May 1932. He was the eldest of four boys, all born in the family home at Mill Lane Gt Gidding. He left school aged 14, to go to work on the land, a tradition set by his father Bill. At the time the shire horse was being replaced by the tractor, but he was fortunate to work with both. To the day he died, the horse was always his favourite animal. Over the years he did many things including sitting on various committees, managing the local football team and being known as a brilliant dancer. It was at one local dance that he met his future wife Betty. They had two sons Melvin and Ralph. At the age of



36, George suffered a heart attack. This led to the end of his farming career, but he took up the position of groundsman with Cambs county council and travelled around many of the schools in the Cambridgeshire area. At the age of 60, George took early retirement and

shortly after, the family moved to Holme, where his wife Betty originated from. Prior to retiring, he was a master of repairing/servicing lawnmowers, and when he retired, he was even more busy with people coming from miles away to have their mowers fixed. In the early nineties, George had major heart surgery at Papworth hospital. Afterwards, he was given a new lease of life, of which he put to good use.

As George had used many of the machines that we see today on the rally field, he always had an interest in the old machines. He never missed the local rallies, especially Expo steam at Peterborough. In the 1970's he purchased his first stationary engine from Elton Estates, and from then on he was bitten by the bug that we all have experienced. He loved showing his engines at local rallies where he met many wonderful people, who over the years became very good friends. He would often recall many of the machines that he saw as a young lad working, especially the massive Fowler Gyrotiller. He could remember the war years quite clearly, especially riding in



the cab of a local contractor's lorry on Molesworth base, and seeing the crew, especially the gunners, literally fall out of the B17 plane unable to stand due to spending hours in the kneeling position. Many of the friends though, sadly, have passed away before or after him. At least we know that he is in good company. On the day of his funeral, St Giles church was packed to standing room only. The village came to a standstill for a short time. The service was followed by a family ceremony at Peterborough Crematorium. His ashes are now interred in St Michael's Garden of Rest, Gt Gidding, along with his mother Eliza. When fitting the memorial plaque some weeks later, a pair of Percheron heavy horses and a 1898 wagon, owned by R&S Fuller Gt Gidding, were out exercising just at the same time !! That was more than co-incidence.

The family would like to express their thanks to all the people who sent the numerous cards and letters, and to George's many friends and colleagues who attended his funeral. He would have been touched, as the family were.

He certainly will never be forgotten.

Ralph Thompson

It was an especially emotional experience for Ralph at

Stradsett as his Father's 1924 Jaeger Engine won the award for Best Stationery Engine. See pages 1 & 2



At Stradsett: Richard Hircomb of Dancing Anvil Forge demonstrating how to make a horse shoe.



Chairman's Chat

For the second year Stradsett Rally has been held on May Day Bank Holiday. This has proven to be a great success even with the downturn in the world economy. A day out for a family of 4 for £5 is very good value in anybody's book and long may it continue.

By the time you read this, Downham Market Carnival will have taken place on Whit Bank Holiday Monday. The club is well represented with a collection of Tractors and Cars from the 1930's to the present day.

This year, a 'one-off' Garden Show for charity at Stradsett Hall is the first weekend in July. Sir Jeremy and Lady Bagge have invited the club to be part of this event with a static display at the entrance to the gardens, and this has been very well supported by the Club.

As a Club we are becoming more recognised within the East Anglia region and, hopefully, by attending various rallies and events as individuals or a club group we will continue to invigorate the Club and encourage others to be part of it. **Peter**



Membership Matters

Hi Everyone

Thank you to everyone who joined in at Stradsett rally. It really was a fantastic weekend.

I'm sure that those who came, saw our new 'Membership Information' centre that Viv and Ted had at their caravan. This gave and promoted a very professional look to the Club. If anyone would like to join, please contact me by 'phone or Email, *see below*.

Please come and join in the Midsummer Road Run

on Sunday 21st June. If you don't have a tractor you can come and encourage those that have.

Last, but not least, from me to everyone who is not well, keep your chin up.

All the best

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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.



Stradsett Hall Garden Show 4th-5th July.

There will be a small display of tractors, engines and bygones, but numbers are limited. Contact Peter Thorpe: 07931577192 Adults £7 children under 12 free

Holkham Country Fair 2009 July 18th & 19th

Contact: Ted Gray 01553 617653

Working Weekend: Oak Farm Stradsett
5th & 6th September contact: Malcolm Mycock
01366 500250

Private Tour of Sandringham Gardens with Head Gardener Martin Wood. Pre-booked places only. Meet at gates for a 6.30pm start on **June 3rd** For further information contact Shane 01485 542034

Join in the Tractor Road Run 21st June



Vintage Tractor Charity Road Run

Sunday 21 June

Based at Beachamwell
10 am for 10.30 am Start



The figure of 8 route covers 25 miles and is centred on The Dane at Beachamwell between Swaffham and Downham Market. They will be open for refreshments at the start and finish.



Entry and sponsorship forms contact Andrew Hunt

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roadrun@nvtec-ea.org.uk

or download from

www.nvtec-ea.org.uk



We also return there for lunch where booking is advised. 01366 328443



All tractors must and sponsored to a minimum level of £10.00. Frontier Agriculture Ltd is donating a trophy that will be awarded to the driver of the tractor gaining the most sponsorship



East Anglian Air Ambulance

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Hilgay August 15th & 16th

P G Bates 01366387988

Lincoln Steam & Vintage Rally August 22/23rd
01507605937

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Sandringham Rally September 12th & 13th

Clive Richardson 01945 860224

Southery Ploughing Match 19/20th September
caravans welcome. contact Roger Thulbourne
01366 377464

Haddenham Steam Rally September 12th & 13th 01487842771

Rougham Airfield Town 102 FM's Ploughs to Propellers 1940's Weekend 3rd & 4th October .
Sunday ploughing match. Champagne prize to the best dressed Dandy & Doll. 01359270524

What's On Elsewhere

Tractor & Bygones Rally, at Swanton Morley
Saturday/Sunday 20th & 21st June with car-boot, tractors, cars, steam engines & funfair'. contact: Rick Milford 01362 638143

Wisbech St Mary Village & Country Fayre

Sunday 28th June Vintage/Classic Vehicles & Machinery Contact: Jim Wakefield 01945 410554

Rougham Airfield Wings Wheels & Steam Country Fair 27th & 28th June 01359270524

Walpole Rally July 11th & 12th

Gwen Davey 01945461494

Little Ellingham Village Vintage Weekend

August 15th&16th Stationery & Steam Engines, tractors, ploughing match & heavy horses working. Camping Friday/Saturday contact: Debbie Banham 07881672970

More Stradsett Winners



Best Classic Car: Noel Page



Best Motorcycle: B. Rudland



Best Commercial: T. Jefferies



Best Bygone Exhibit, The Sir Jeremy & Lady Bagge Salver: J. Wakefield

Being a judge at a show is an onerous task and not one that many people would undertake. When the standard is high, how difficult it must be to select one winner. I tried to be selective with my picture taking, but still landed up with over 100 pictures! Below and on pages 3 and 4 are just a few. All the pictures I took can be emailed to you or printed to order and, very likely, they will appear on our club website in the near future. Viv



Ron Edwards 1932 Crossley 2.5hp vacuum pump running a Gascoigne & Simplex milking collector & clusters. It came out of a milking byre in Great Munden, seized up and was restored over the years.



1916 Titan 1020 owner G. Carson 2 cylinders, 2 speeds. Titans were imported during WW1 to help with ploughing.



1936 Whitt driving Corn Nibbler sold by J.W. Slater Implement Works. Owned by Clive Richardson



Beautifully restored 1948 BSA owner Michael Chenery



My dream Car: 1948 Triumph Roadster TR1 1800cc Completely resprayed + new mohair hood. The body is made from aluminium left over from production of WW2 fighter aircraft. Owner R. Thompson



A rare 1926 Macleod 1.75hp owned by Cliff Smith. This was a 'basket case' and has been restored, new parts, re-assembled and painted over the last 2 years.

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