



# Vintage Torque

September 2013

## Mid-Summer Vintage Tractor Road Run 2013

Crossing the Great Ouse at St Germans, Henry Howlett with his Mercedes Unimog Full write-up by Gordon on pages 2 & 3.



## Summer Visit to Elgoods Brewery



A group of club members and friends had a very interesting visit to Elgoods Brewery in Wisbech, organised by Peter Thorpe. More details on page 9

## At Holkham



A special treat for Gitte and 2 year old Ivan and 9 year old Charlie to sit on Gordon's 1950 Minneapolis Moline model G. Full write up on back page

## At the Suffolk Show



Mr J Grimmer wins 1<sup>st</sup> Prize with his 1950 John Deere Model Pre-1965 Original Working Tractor R. Full write up on page 8

## At Carrington

NVTEC-EA won 6 trophies. Full write up on pages 6 & 7. David West with his International



## At Hockwold

Part of the heavy horse display in the ring at Hockwold Country Fair. More on page 5





# Mid-Summer Vintage Tractor Road Run 2013

David Askew leading the run with his 1964 Fordson Super Major



Followed by Malcolm Bush on an International 434



On Father's Day, the 16<sup>th</sup> June 2013, we held our annual summer road run. This year it was again based at Bryan and Grace Beba's, Walpole Highway. Some tractors arrived on Saturday to camp the night and we all enjoyed a BBQ cooked by club member Richard Perry, with desserts made by our club Treasurer Jayne Carson and salads made by Susan Askew. Other tractors started arriving from 8am on Sunday morning and we all had tea, coffee and biscuits before setting off at 10:30am. On leaving Fence Bank, we went straight across the old A47 dual carriageway onto the lane which brought us out later onto Trinity Road. We travelled along lanes eventually stopping off at David Askew's house for a toilet break. Once we got moving again we turned right



John Hilliam with his 1966 International Harvester



Gavin Chapman with his 1954 Ferguson TED followed by Daniel Mycock with his 1952 Ferguson TED



Peter Caley with his 1984 Massey Ferguson 690

at St Blyths onto Low Road and made our way towards Stowbridge, finally arriving at the Heron Public House for lunch. Those of us who had lunch thoroughly enjoyed it so thank you to Paul Parker and his team for the use of his facilities and looking after us all.

After lunch we turned left travelling over the bridge and onwards to Runcton Holme, then into Watlington, past the Angel Pub, right onto St Peters Road and onwards over the railway line towards St Germans. Here we turned left onto Lynn Road and as we drove past Ever Green Tractors (now Doubleday) and over the river bridge we waved to Viv sitting

up on the bridge waiting to take our photographs. Leaving St Germans via Sluice Road, we drove past the new pumping station and on to Islington. Here we turned right and made our way over the A47 fly-over continuing on to the Coach and Horses Public House where we stopped for a quick toilet break and a drink. Thanks to all at the Coach and Horses. We got going again and went back over the fly-over and down into Tilney St Lawrence, turning right at the Buck Inn Public



Judy Webb with her 1960 Ford Dexter

House and heading up into Terrington St John. Turning left onto Main Road, we travelled down to the cross roads turning left before the Woolpack Public House and continued down School Road for 1 mile before turning right onto the lane which then brought us back out opposite Fence Bank Road.



Philip Freeman with his 1959 Allis Chalmers D272



Terry Myhill with his International 634



# Mid-Summer Vintage Tractor Road Run 2013 continued

Finally we went straight up the old A47 where we arrived back at our starting point at about 4:30pm having travelled approximately 30miles.

After a further tea and coffee and yes, a biscuit or two, we were very pleased to present Mr Terry Myhill with the trophy for the most sponsorship being collected being £75. *see below* The trophy was presented by Mr David Askew and sponsored by Supreme Windows Ltd. The total raised was £541 which will be presented to the East Anglian Air Ambulance at our AGM on the 21<sup>st</sup>

November 2013 at the Royston Golf Club near Downham Market.

**Jason Carson with a 1991 Massey Ferguson**



On behalf of the NVTEC-EA group I would like to thank all who entered the Road Run, Bryan and Grace Beba for the use of their premises, The Heron Public House, The Coach and Horses Public House, Richard Perry and Peter Thorpe for helping me with all the stewarding and David Askew for organising the event on behalf of the club. *Gordon Carson*

**Ian Long with his 2011 New Holland T7**



**Andrew Carson with his 1961 International B275**



**John Muttock with his dog, Harvey firmly attached to his 1958 Massey Ferguson at the start of the Road Run.**

**David Askew presenting the trophy to Terry Myhill**



## Downham Festival Carnival

At the January committee meeting Peter Thorpe announced that there would not be a Downham Market Carnival this year but after a few weeks some people got together and formed an 'organising

committee'. The carnival was back on!

We entered five tractors from our club on Monday 27th May ( Bank Holiday) starting at Haygates Mill, travelling through the town with crowds lining the streets to the Howdale where you can see I took this picture of Chris Deeble from Heacham dressed as a nun. There were several comments about his costume to which his reply was, 'I'm having nun of it!' The parade stopped outside High Haven Care Home as a mark of respect for Mr Taylor, the town's former mayor who died in early May and who founded the annual festival in the 1970's. A very warm and enjoyable day was had by all. *David Askew*





# WOOLPIT 2013 With Austin and Oliver West

We have been going to the Woolpit Rally for the past 5 years, and so far the weather has been warm and sunny for the most part, as it was this year. This and the low admission charges encourage a terrific crowd, which is really what it is all about. We all want plenty of people to see our treasures. The family that run the show specialise in older machines so there is always a good display of early tractors and engines. This year there was a good selection of steamers with many that had not attended during the years we have been, this also makes for more interest for the viewing public. The vintage and classic tractors were well displayed in a grassy area surrounded by mature trees.

Stationary engines are very popular at Woolpit with exhibitors travelling some distance to be there. The show also attracts some of the larger models that are more difficult and costly to transport. This year there were 95 engines listed in the programme. They were reasonably spaced with exhibitors able to caravan or park behind their engine, which is important to engine exhibitors, as we well know, especially at a two day show.

The show has a bit of everything; the fair including a set of very rare swing boats, a market, which I must say, as all other shows was down on previous years, Ring parades on each day, and there were prizes for the chosen winners.

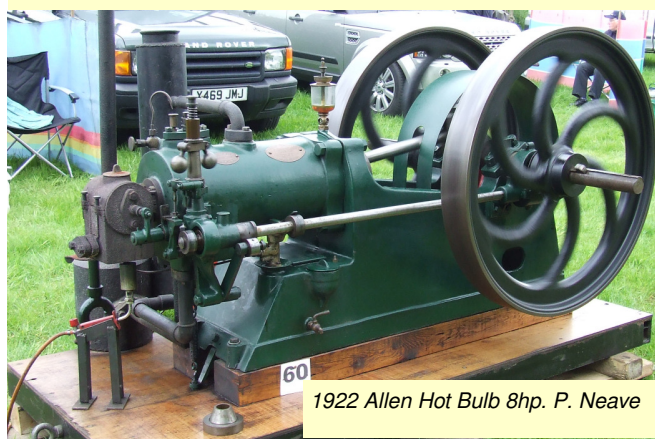
Well done to the organisers for continuing to hold a very informal and traditional rally that exhibitors and public still appear to want, as the numbers of exhibitors and public are growing to capacity for the available space. When other shows are disappearing, Woolpit looks to be growing. Well done and we look forward to next year. *Oliver and Austin*



1928 Caterpillar 60 and 1950 Vicker Vigor 180. C. Lee



1936 Fordson N. R. Pratt



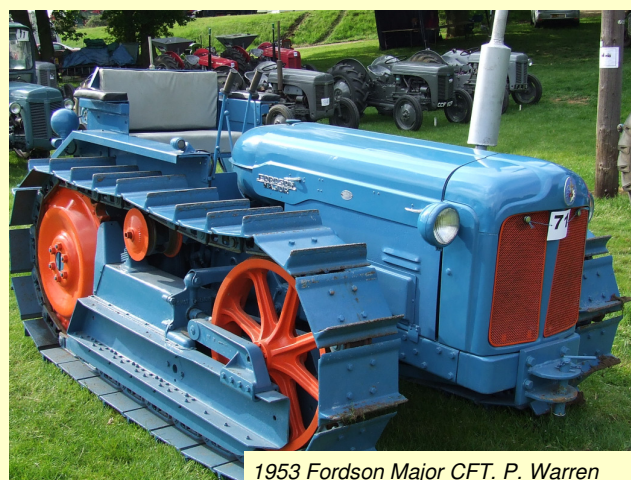
1922 Allen Hot Bulb 8hp. P. Neave



1938 IHC 10-20. J Harrison



1913 Fuller and Johnson 1.5hp. E. Greensmith



1953 Fordson Major CFT. P. Warren



# NVTEC-EA attend Hockwold Country Fair 5

On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, I travelled to the Hockwold Country Fair in Norfolk unsure what to expect as I have never attended the show before. It was a wonderful sunny Sunday morning and a real pleasure to be out and about. On arrival I had a warm and friendly welcome and I was soon directed where to unload. The show has only been running for about 13 years or so but I was very pleasantly surprised at the public attendance.



Judy said they had over 2,000 visitors which is almost unbelievable for a small country farm but very well done to all involved.

The show consisted of trade stall, catering, a fair ground, vintage tractors, lorries, cars, motorcycles, bygones and no less than 5 steam engines. There was also a heavy horse display in the ring along with the Hoxon Hundred Morris Dancers, the Norwich samba and a fly fishing demonstration.

David Mycock won 'Best Unregistered Tractor' with his 1942 Allis Chalmers Model M Crawler. Mr Vince Barker won 'Best in Show' with his 1967 Nuffield 4/65. Myself and Bryan won second prize with a 1954 Turner Yeoman of England Series 3.

All in all it was a fantastic day. *Gordon Carson*



## Foulsham Road Run

This being our 4th Road Run, once again tractor drivers and the public supported the event which took place on July 7th, starting point at Foulsham on Roger Henry's field. 45 tractors, many with trailers loaded with people enjoyed the sunshine, some with colourful umbrellas shading them as we drove through the country lanes bordered by wild flowers and dog roses. We arrived at Whitwell Station for a very pleasant visit with welcome refreshments and picnics. Then we continued back towards Foulsham where the raffle was drawn. The total for the day was £1,109 which will be spent on equipment for East Anglian Children's Hospice at Quiddendenham.

*Neville Websdale and Sally Needle*



## More Club Wins At Weeting

Judy Webb won the Harrison Challenge Plaque Class 1940-1950 as first prize for her Standard Fordson presented by Mia Gold and Ella-May Barker



Jackie Kelly and her partner Richard Pike receiving the Carson Shield for 'Any Tractor 1950 Onwards' with one of her late father's (Arthur Vincent) tractors, a 1960 John Deere Lanz Bulldog





# NVTEC-EA group win big at Carrington

On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> and Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2013 The NVTEC-EA group were out in force over the bank holiday weekend at the newly rebranded Carrington Rally Steam and Heritage Show. Talking to the chairman, Malcolm Robinson, he said that they had done a survey asking people what their perception of a rally was. Malcolm was surprised at the results which were that the majority of people thought that a rally meant a show with cars. Due to this they decided to rebrand the 53 year old show to include Steam and Heritage Show (Very Brave). So well done to you all I do hope it works for you, so far so good. As a fellow rally organiser I really felt for Malcolm and his team on Thursday and Friday in



the heavy rain but thankfully it all came right on Saturday. The sun was finally shining on Carrington Rally Steam and Heritage Show let's hope the new name has done the trick, I think we all had a great weekend. These days I tend to walk



around the shows and look at the tractors and see which tractor I take the biggest liking too. The tractor show at Carrington was so superb I could only narrow it down to three. Firstly, there was Tony Dickerson with his Series 1 Field Marshall on steel wheels, yes I did say Steel Wheels that's not something you see every day. He was pulling a Motrac No.3 Ransom 2 furrow trailing plough fitted with YL183 Mould Boards. Tony is a very well known Marshall collector and won best in show. I hope to persuade him to bring this to next year's Stradsett Park Vintage Rally. Then there was Mr Mick Patrick with his 1916 Saunderson No 1100. The Saunderson & Mills Universal Motor was built in Elstow Works Bedford in Britain. This tractor is fitted with a winch that is situated in the back wheel. Mick was even kind enough to allow me to drive this marvellous old machine.



My third choice was Gerald Gregory's 1916 4 cylinder Samson 12-25 Sieve Grip. Gerald says it is his pride and joy and I can see why. ( see next page ) I was also given the privilege of driving this and it was great, thank you both. Then came Sunday evenings trophy presentation in the bar marquee where the NVTEC-EA group won no less than 6 trophies.

## NVTEC-EA GROUP WINNERS

Ricky Kemp with his fully restored 1926 Jaeger 2 stationary engine. Winning best engine in show.

Peter Rash (one of our newest Members) with his 1970 Massey Ferguson 165 Tractor Reg BRR 555H Winning Best Tractor on display

Peter Clarke brought a superb 1949 Allis Chalmers H.I.G.T, EB (high Clearance) winning Best Allis Chalmers in show

Malcolm Bush one of our longest club members with his 1942 John Deere model L winning Best John Deere in Show





Gordon Carson and Bryan Beba with a 1930 petrol/two Oliver Hart Parr 18-27 REG BF 5324 imported in 2008 winning Best Tractor Exhibited by NVTEC Member. Steven Hall (one of our youngest club members) with a 1950 BMB plow-mate winning Best Horticultural Exhibit in show. Congratulations and very well done to all the winners. There is a tremendous amount of work goes in to all the exhibits and the judges can only chose a very small few but please keep up the great work. As always not everybody can win (but then winning isn't everything) but our club had plenty to choose from at the show with great support and not least



Darren Tebbitt from Haddenham with his fantastic John Deere P manure spreader which I got to take around the ring on Sunday behind the Hart Parr. Wayne Mitchell with his 1951 Case SI 35hp industrial. Basel Whiting with his cast iron seat display, Mr Harrison from lake heath With no less than three Allis Chalmers and The West family came all the way from Canterbury to give their full support and brought along a superb international display which included a 1917 10-20 International Titan, 1919 International 8-16 Junior and a 1936 International 10-20 pulling an Oliver drag. All of which came on their 1990 S106 4350 Foden Lorry. ( see top picture, left-hand page) All looking and running well. There were many other club members there so on behalf of the NVTEC-EA Group thanks to all for supporting our club and this great show.

Lastly over in the working area was Allan Sale with a 1924 Fordson

Model F fitted with a Athens 2 Furrow Disc plough built in Athens Tennessee just looked spectacular. Gordon Carson





# NVTEC-EA WIN at the South Suffolk Show 2013

On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May I was asked to judge the tractors at the one day South Suffolk show at Ampton, Nr Bury St Edmunds in Norfolk. The show is organised and run by the South Suffolk Agricultural Association Ltd which was founded in 1888. Myself and Mathew Hoy arrived about 9:15am to be pleasantly surprised for a one day show it was quite impressive. However, for all of us vintage tractor enthusiasts it was a bit sparse with only 35 vintage tractors.



I had two categories to judge: Best Concours Tractor and Best Original Working Tractor pre 1965.

I must thank the organisers for asking me and for their superb hospitality.

The tractors had their parade in the countryside ring at 2:30pm with virtually all taking part. The tractor steward was Vanda Parcel who did a great job.

The show had a very large livestock section including cattle, pigs, sheep and poultry but the main theme was horses.

Although the weather wasn't as good as the weather at Stradsett Rally the previous weekend, it did stay fine until late afternoon. I would like to congratulate the Concours winners on their superb hard work and the Original Working winners on preserving these great old machines.

## Concours Winners:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Mr P Rash with his 1970 Massey-Ferguson 165 Multi Power

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Mr P Clarke with his 1942 Fordson Model N

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Mr V Barker with his 1967 Nuffield 4/65

## Pre-1965 Original Working Tractor:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Mr J Grimmer with his 1950 John Deere Model R *shown on the front page*

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Mr P Ladell with his 1964 Nuffield 460

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Mr S Garrod - 1962 Fordson Dexter *Gordon Carson*



**Kath Savory** It was with sadness that we learnt of the death of Kath Savory who died on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2013 following a long illness. Kath was a familiar character on countless rallies throughout the East Anglia region and beyond. Her funeral was well attended by family, friends and neighbours. Many NVTEC members also attended the Ceremony clearly demonstrating how highly Kath was regarded. A full Eulogy was presented by the Civic Celebrant, Hazel Warken, that broadly encapsulated Kath as: "you knew where you stood with Kath."

I am sure I speak for all our members when I offer her husband Ed our condolences and support for the future as we mourn another rally character no longer with us

Ted Hon Sec.





# Colin Holwell Mystery Tour Raises Money for NVTEC-EA Group



Well known tractor enthusiast and commentator Colin Holwell has been arranging mystery tours for the past 18 years and this year was to be no exception. So on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2013 the mystery tour commenced from Barnwell in Cambridgeshire. The Fowlers coach with its 53 vintage enthusiasts on board headed



towards Norfolk, arriving at Grace and Bryan Beba's, Walpole Highway at about 9:00am. We were ready and waiting for them with Jason and Lauren serving the tea, coffee and other refreshments whilst myself and Bryan welcomed the group. We both enjoyed mingling with the group and talking about the tractors etc. There were a variety of tractors on show including the very well-publicised 1917 Samson Sieve Grip 6-12, a variety of Massey Harris, Internationals, Case, David Brown, John Deere, Minneapolis Moline, Ford, Allis Chalmers, Cleatrax, Turner and Marshall M. Listening to the feedback most of the visitors appeared to have enjoyed the visit which was helped by the weather which was just superb.

The group left at around 10:30 am to continue their journey through Norfolk.

The next stop was Bob Parks' impressive Massey Harris collection at Marsham. Bob has one of the largest Massey Harris displays in the country and hosts the Starting Handle Club Marsham Show which was held this year on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> August.



The last surprise stop was to Sir John White's rare Case collection at Salle in Norfolk. Myself and Bryan would have loved to tag along with the group but obviously we had a lot to do after the visit. After the group left Sir John Whites collection they stopped for their lunch at the Wensum Valley Golf Club before travelling home. The group donated £100.00 to us so myself, Bryan and Grace have donated this to the National Vintage Tractor and Engine Club East Anglia Group. We would like to say thank you to Colin for organising the mystery tour and we hoped they all enjoyed their visit.

*Gordon Carson*

## Elgoods Brewery

Our tour guide for this visit gave us an historical overview of this North Brink Brewery bought in 1714 for £120 which included orchards, gardens and stables. The oil mill and granary were converted into a brew house in 1786 and then subsequently sold along with 4 acquired public houses in 1795 for £5,624. There were more developments and changes of ownership until the first brew of



Elgood's Ales was mashed in October 1878. John Elgood continued brewing until his death in

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1890. His 5 sons and 1 daughter formed a limited company, subsequently handing on to nephew Walter Elgood who held the position of Chairman and Managing Director until 1968. Walter's only son, Nigel, took over as Chairman and the family still own and run the brewery with Nigel's wife Anne as a director, daughter Belinda as Managing Director, Jennifer as Company Secretary. Daughter Claire is landscape designer having completely re-landscaped the gardens which are a joy to walk around and to try to discover the way out of the maze. A good visit! Viv





## Chairman's Chat

After last year's dismal weather we seem to have returned to our childhood days when the sun seemed to shine every day. Organisers and Charities should be very pleased with the fantastic turn-out of both spectators and exhibitors at Stradsett. Congratulations to the many trophy winners who represent our Club at both local and bigger events.

This year's road run, organised by David Askew, started from Fence Bank, Walpole Highway and was again by kind permission of Grace and Brian Beeba. A barbecue was held on the Saturday evening organised by Gordon and Jane Carson and was situated within the buildings of their magnificent collection. On 25th June members and friends of the Club visited Elgoods Brewery where we were shown round the brewery and gained much knowledge as to the workings of this long established family business. The gardens were also open to view.

If this publication reaches you before the working weekend please view the advert on the back page and contact Malcolm Mycock for an entry form.

This year at the AGM we will be looking for any new ideas you may have seen after going to other events or even joining us on the Committee. We are very keen to find a Winter Meetings Organiser so contact Ted to get your nomination in.

After visiting Holkham on the Saturday it was nice to meet up with some of our members who were exhibiting there. There was a very good display although our area was cramped considering the size of the park. I have since learned that this will be adjusted for next year. *Henry*



## Stradsett Photographic Competition Results



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The competition was judged by Mike Brindle LRPS and Jason Curtis, Chairman and Vice Chairman of Kings Lynn and District Camera Club. The entries were many and various. Mike and Jason were looking for good images that gave them a feel for the spirit of the event and reflected its various components. The winning pictures were displayed at the camera club's annual exhibition in August with winners being notified and receiving their voucher in late June.

1st: Roger Newark, Doddington, 2nd: Paula Cooper, Southery  
3rd: Martin Fry, Poringland **Andrew Hunt**

### Congratulations

to Ken and Jane Oatey from Yaxham near Dereham on their 45th wedding anniversary. They celebrated with friends and relations at the village hall, shown here with their son, Jeffrey.



## Diary Dates

Sandringham Game & Country Show September 7/8th  
contact Clive Richardson 01945 860224 mob: 07789266423

Haddenham Steam Rally September 7/8th contact Mrs Ruth Young 01487 841922

Little Casterton Working Weekend 21st/22nd September at Hall Farm, contact Chris Goodley 07802296050

Pensthorpe Vintage Fayre 5/6th October. Stationary Engines, Model Steam Engines, Classic Cars, Romany Gypsy Camp, Real Ale tent, Hog Roast, Craft Stalls. contact Graham or Sharon Turner 01692671793

NVTEC-EA Group Working Weekend, August 31st & September 1st. For details, see advert back page.

Prickwillow Ploughing Festival 5/6th October at Green Farm. Heavy horse and Vintage tractor Ploughing, Arts and Crafts, Farmers Market, Music, Museum Engines Running contact 01353662645 or Pauline Dunham 01353720737

Newark Vintage Tractor Show November 9/10th Celebrating Massey- Harris, Wallis and Ferguson  
For NVTEC-EA Stand contact Gordon Carson 01945880091 mob: 07860658767



## Notification of the Annual General Meeting of the National Vintage Tractor and Engine Club

East Anglia Group

It will take place on Thursday November 21st 2013

7.30pm at Ryston Park Golf Club

### Proposed Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
  2. Adopt Minutes of the A.G.M. held on Nov. 17th 2012
  3. Matters arising from the minutes of AGM 2012
  4. Chairman's Report
  5. Secretary's Report
  6. Treasurer's report
  7. Membership Secretary's Report
  8. Election of Officers and Committee
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| Chair                | Vice Chair         |
| Secretary            | Treasurer          |
| Membership Secretary | Meetings Organiser |
| Safety Officer       | Newsletter Editor  |
| Publicity Officer    | 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 2013

**Winter Meetings:** 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 17th: Barry Hawkins, Auctioneer & Land Agent

November 21st: AGM and Cheque Presentations

December 19th: Mr Wabe, Lancaster Bomber Squadron, Home Front

January 16th: David Hunter, Olympic Reflections

February 20th: tbc

March 20th: tbc

## New! NVTEC-EA Group 'Junior Club' Join Now!

An ideal Christmas/Birthday present for the young tractor/engine enthusiast, particularly for up to 12 years of age, includes:

- junior baseball cap with club logo,
- a Stradsett pin badge
- the quarterly Vintage Torque.
- Happy Birthday Wishes in the newsletter
- Special invitation for a supervised sit on a tractor at Stradsett Rally plus photograph in the newsletter

Contact Viv to arrange this special present for a young person. Telephone: 01553 617653 email details in next column

## Club Clothing

can be ordered at the Winter Meetings or telephone Viv 01553 617653 to place your order and arrange delivery.

New black Baseball Caps: Polo Shirts, short and long sleeves, Sweat shirts: Overalls, zip or stud fastenings: Padded Body Warmers; Fleece Gilets: Fleece Jackets: Shower proof fleece lined Jackets.

NB. If there is a particular item you want, I can make inquiries for you at the wholesalers



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# Holkham Country Fair



In the past, Holkham Country Fair has always been a good, if predictable show. However, this year with a new organiser determined to revamp the show to being more indicative of country crafts, a big question mark hung over our club's preparations. Ted had been informed to decrease the number of stationary engines in favour of more tractors causing a number of disappointments amongst our engine men. The last minute downsizing of their area made life very difficult for our steward Clive to say the least but in the usual stoic way we produced a fine display of engines, tractors and a small showing of bygones that the organiser commented on as being the best he'd ever seen from us at Holkham. At a site meeting with him on the last day, Ted gave some constructive criticism which was accepted, along with a request for the possibility of a tractor parade for next year.

The show is now an annual event and most of this years' participants said they are looking forward to returning in the knowledge that the complications of this year will be ironed out for future shows at Holkham. With any reorganisation there will always be areas that are not quite right but if the organiser is prepared to take on board suggestions from participants and make changes then we are going in the right direction. Ted would like to say a huge thank you to steward, Clive and the engine men who coped well with the last minute reduction of the allocated area and put on a great display. Also a big thank you to Gordon for ensuring a great display of tractors. *Viv*



*Matthew Hoy's International 414 was selected by Mr William Downes as Best Tractor.*

*Left: Matthew Nelson's Boby Unidresser was selected by a member of the public for Best Engine Display. It came from Crowns Farm, Ringstead, 5 years ago and was driven by a 1936 Witte engine.*



## Vintage Tractor Charity Working Weekend

Saturday 31st August & Sunday 1st September 2013

Based at Oak Farm, Stradsett

Organised and run by the NVTEC-EA group.

Located just off the A134, Thetford Road where the A134 crosses the A1122 East of Downham Market. Camping is available and a 'Burger Van' will be there on both days so come along and have a go.

We ask for you to give a charitable donation of £5 per day. For entry forms and information contact:

Malcolm Mycock on 01366 500250  
or download a form from:  
[www.nvtec-ea.org.uk](http://www.nvtec-ea.org.uk)



- Experience the real working environment
- Meet with like minded people

- Obtain help and advice from knowledgeable people
- Enjoy the experience without pressure of competition

Raising money for  
St Mary's Church, Stradsett

