



# Vintage Torque

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Editor Viv Gray

Wishing You a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year  
 with Good Health and Great Rallying in 2014  
 Working Weekend at Oak Farm, Stradsett

On August 31<sup>st</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup> the weather was superb for our club's Working Weekend and once again Malcolm and David Mycock put on a great display. This year



we had more people than ever demonstrating their old machines. The highlight for me was Mr Barry Ayres with an unrestored 2 cylinder 1930 Hart Parr 18-36 on all steel wheels. He was ploughing with a 2 furrow trailed Oliver TNT plough. This tractor has 3 forward and 1 reverse gear and runs on petrol/TVO. It was a real pleasure to watch, it really ran and pulled very well, it is a credit to the Ayres family.



One of our younger members was Mr Aaron Smith who was working his dad's 1951 Ferguson Tea 20 petrol/TVO tractor pulling a mounted Ferguson 2 furrow plough. Another tractor that was going very well for its age was Mr Neil Ayres on a superb Allis Chalmers 1948 Model U running on petrol/TVO, registration number KPW 198, pulling a 3 furrow trailed Ransome plough. A sight you do not see very often was Mr Mick Patrick for the first time having a go at ploughing with his 1940's Fordson Standard N fitted with a Daihatsu 4 cylinder diesel engine and of course electric start. Mick was pulling a Ransome 2



furrow trailed plough. Then came Mr David Giles with his 1951 Ford County Crawler, registration number WCF 188, pulling a Fordson 3 furrow Elite plough for the first time out. Mr Malcolm Mycock, while he was in charge for the weekend still found time to enjoy some ploughing with his Grey/Gold 1953 Ferguson FE 35 pulling a 2 furrow 10" semi digger plough. For all of the photos of the weekend please visit our website at [www.nvtec-ea.org.uk](http://www.nvtec-ea.org.uk). Over the weekend the club raised £354.00 from donations from the working tractors and Jim and Mel Wakefield ran a raffle which raised a further £85.00 totalling £439.00 to be donated to the St Mary's Church at Stradsett.

Gordon Carson

*Pictures clockwise from top left*

*to right: Barry Ayres, Malcolm Mycock, Daniel Mycock, Neil Ayres, Mick Patrick, David Giles, Aaron Smith, Mick Brown*





# Sandringham Game & Country Show

Keith and Jane Raynes were again in charge of the tractor section and I must say they put on a very good display with a good variety of tractors. There were just short of 50 full size tractors and about 15 or so horticultural tractors. Terry Myhill celebrated his 66<sup>th</sup> birthday on the Saturday whilst enjoying driving his International 634 around the ring. Matthew Hoy who was helping to steward was experiencing some head gasket problems with his 1964 International 414 so he was happy to help me out by driving the 1930 Oliver Hart Parr 18-27 Row Crop around the ring on both days. I also took the David Brown Thresherman which weighs over 4 tons. This tractor started life with the RAF and was then converted and sprayed red by E.C Plesence Ltd from Marshland Smeeth who are still agricultural engineers today, now known as Askews. It was then sold to Mr Pooley



Threshing Contractors

who were also from Marshland Smeeth. When Mr Pooley was finished threshing in the late 70s the tractor was sold to Mr Skelly Allan from Walpole Highway who used the tractor for pulling out tree roots etc. It was then parked up and bricked up in a shed for security until 2008 when we managed to purchase the tractor from him as he was moving abroad. The tractor has now been fully restored to its former glory and forms part of the Grace and Bryan Beba collection in Walpole Highway. Mr Peter Caley put on a superb display with his Nuffield Tractor running his 1947 William Foster and Co Ltd threshing drum. This superb drum was built in Lincoln, England and



Stephen Hall with a gun smith MK1 garden tractor.



was restored over 3 years. Michael Curtis and his wife brought along their Fordson Super Dexter. Michael helps out at many events but is best known for the Starting Handle Club's Marsham Summer Show. To view all the photos from the weekend please go to [www.nvttec-ea.org.uk](http://www.nvttec-ea.org.uk) and view the 'Out and About' page. My tractor of the day was Mr Keith Canham with a great looking Fordson Standard N running very well. This petrol/TVO tractor was bought from a dairy farm in Suffolk and with Keith dressed in costume and a bowler hat just added to the look. Clive Richardson was the engine steward with a great display of stationary engines again this

year. The winner of the Best Stationary Engine Trophy, donated by Clive and Julie was Mr and Mrs Peter Martin with their Ruston Type B 1914 engine, driving a Lister H2 water pump. Mr Martin restored the engine and pump himself a few year ago and this is the first time he has won with it so congratulations to

1917 Jaegar driving a Hardie Pump, owned by K.Newton



Ted Gray with his rare Ince engine, one of only 10 manufactured.



him. Despite it raining on the Friday the weather on Saturday and Sunday was very good until about 5pm on Sunday when we had a little shower. I think we all had a great weekend at the show and we look forward to 2014. Gordon Carson

Below: an unusual 2hp Sundial made in Austraalia, owned by E. Lipton



Shane Marrows had 2 displays, a 1927 Lister L and as shown below a 1945 Lister Start-O-Matic, a lighting plant of 240 volts output





## Earls Barton Country Fayre

What a lovely long weekend we had at Earls Barton. OK so we had some rain on Saturday but we went prepared and after a wet night, Sunday brought the sun and the visitors. This time we were situated opposite some scale steam models and it was fascinating to observe the dedication of all involved and the pleasure they bring. It was well worth the odd 'smokey awning' as the wind changed direction! We found ourselves amongst really friendly people, dogs and children from the neighbouring Bygone display. A new attraction this year in the ring were the Bernese Carters. The purpose of these wonderful dogs was to herd the cattle from lowland winter pastures to the highland summer grazing in the Swiss mountains. Then, harnessed to a small cart they would take a couple of milk churns down to the village accompanied by a small child. The dog would 'look after' both the cart and the child, marvellous! Their ring display was colourful and showed excellent handling skills. Our 3 Spinones received their usual 'cuddles' from visitors and Ted's petrol can display attracted many admirers so he was happy. Viv



Above: Maggie with her dog Tillie and Hilary with her dog, Molly. Many carts were genuine Swiss, antique carts.



Left: Hugh and Michelle Stannard with their Labradoodle Peysa enjoying a run-about on their 4" scale Fowler Showman's Model. Built in 1998 they bought it in poor condition and spent 2 years refurbishing it.

Right: a Bray tractor, picture taken by Paul Pearman



## Lincolnshire Steam and Vintage Rally 17th & 18th August



This year I was again asked to attend the Lincolnshire Steam and Vintage Rally at the showground. Mr Graham Morley and his team put on a great display of vintage tractors. This year there were more than 300 tractors on display and over 230 stationary engines. Graham would like to see a few more of the pre 1940 tractors attend this great show so if you have one and would like to attend then I am sure he would make you very welcome. There are not too many members of our NVTEC-EA group who attend the show but nevertheless it's always a great weekend. Myself and Bryan took along the 1949 John Deere Model D and the 1944 John Deere Model BR. Both tractors are two cylinder engines and run on petrol/TVO. There were many other great exhibits at the show and the two tractors that



caught my eye were a 1949 E27N, registration: GTM 209, fitted with a Perkins P6 diesel engine and a rare cab, this was owned by Mr L Brumpton as well as a Far-mall Super BMD, registration: MEW 683. This 1946 Tractor was pulling a very well restored Massey Harris bailer. The bailer was driven by its own 4 cylinder petrol engine and it looked just superb. Gordon Carson





# The West Family and Tractors

Our very hardworking Editor, Viv Gray, asked me if I would put some words on paper regarding our life around tractors.

## The Historical Side

As long as I can remember I was interested in things mechanical. My dad drove and repaired lorries, we visited farms, mills and docks where I saw all sorts of vehicles working. Before this he and my grandad had worked on farms. I had heard stories of 10-20 Internationals, Standard Fordson's, E27N's and Bristol tractors. My granddad even drove a Burford Cletrac when he returned from the great war.

## The Start

In 1971 a new rally started in East Kent, "The Sellindge Steam Special", I was 20 at the time, with my dad we went along.

Together with the usual Steam Engines and Rollers a lad from Ashford took two Standard Fordson's that he had restored. He worked for a local tractor dealer and had made a very good job of them. I would have loved a Steamer but storage and transport would have been a problem as we lived in a normal semi-detached house.

Seeing the Fordson's gave me an idea, that this was something we could handle at home. Within a few days someone told us they had seen a small tractor standing in a yard in a local village. Enquiries followed to find an Allis Model 'B' with a conversion to reduce the height for work in local Hop Gardens, yes, it was for sale, the price £25.00. It was complete and not badly knocked about so I bought it. Dad borrowed a lorry to tow it home as the tyres were all good. This was a good idea until he got over 20 miles an hour. We didn't do that again.

We restored the tractor to the standards of the day. Now it would have been kept in its working condition. I bought the last tins of Allis Orange paint from the local Allis agent. Before the Allis was finished we were told of a farm where a 10-20 International had been seen in a shed. Enquiries of the Farmer revealed that there were many old tractors on the farm. The one we had seen was not for sale, it is still in the shed today. However, there were tractors that could be bought. We were offered another much rougher 1936 10-20 for £60.00, *see picture below*, and a Series 2 Marshall for another £60.00. Space being tight we opted for the International and left the Marshall behind. Space is always a problem for collectors, it has handicapped me for ever.



In 1972 tractor owners were invited to attend the Kent County Show for the first time by a local Farmer who was organising a farming section. This was the start of a 25 year run of showing at this event, only stopping

when the camping on site was altered and not to our liking.

The Allis was taxed and was used on the road to local shows, towing a Ruston Hornsby 5½ HP AP, Stationary Engine which we restored and mounted on wheels. At this time I met Diane, who fortunately took to the rallies immediately. We bought a few

Stationary Engines and restored them so we could take something to rallies further away from home. We travelled the Country with Engines.

I bought my own house very close to my mum and dad for convenience as the houses were connected by a private road. This let me expand and in 1974 a 1938 Orange Standard Fordson 'N' was bought for £55.00. *see below*. This tractor won a prize or two, *see picture below taken 1975*, which was very encouraging to restore more.



Being newly married money was tight so collecting was difficult, but we bought a Bristol 10, Cat D2 and E27N. All these items were bought by word of mouth, there were not any tractor magazines or E.bay. Occasionally something would turn up in the local paper or The Exchange and Mart or Farmers Weekly, but these were usually out of my price range.

A friend of mine who had a very large collection of International tractors was very helpful to me. His collection went back to Moguls and Titans from the first war. Although they appealed to me greatly this era of tractor was way out of my financial league. In 1972 he bought a restored Titan 10-20 for £2,500.00. It was good to be able to drive one occasionally. It struck me that the rarer and more unusual your tractor the more people were interested in them, so from then on I wanted the oldest I could afford.

In 1978 the Kent Group of the N.V.T.E.C. was started up. Diane and I joined and made up part of the committee, Diane becoming Editor for some years. The Kent Group was dissolved in 2010, this is why we joined the East Anglia Group.

Oliver our son was born in 1982. In that year I was told



about a very old tractor standing in a Museum in West Wales. This turned out to be a 1919 Burford Cletrac in a very rough state. Enquiries revealed that it was to be auctioned with all the other exhibits later in the year. We made arrangements for our holiday to coincide with the auction. As it happened we could afford it and bought the tractor. Many people on site wondering what we would do with it because it was so rough. It took four years to restore the Cletrac, by which time Oliver had a brother, Austin. The boys were old enough to appreciate riding in the old Ford D Series we bought for transport and travelling away at the weekend to shows. Holidays were taken at The Dorset Steam Fair and around other rallies away from home.

In 1984 Diane and I were part of the committee that organised the N.V.T.E.C. National Rally at Chilham Castle.

Having gained some experience at restoration over the years and always being interested in lorries, we decided to make space for one. It had to be a Foden, based on my interest in the Dinky toys of my childhood. Eventually we bought a 1952 4-wheeler. There was then another four year restoration. This was put on the road in 1990.

Soon after this the opportunity arose to build a bungalow for ourselves, again on the private road we were living on. This took a long time and restoration had to take a back seat.



**1939 Oliver 80 Standard, as purchased in 1996**



When the bungalow was finished Oliver was 14. By now he and Austin knew a lot about tractors and lorries. They could drive, handle spanners and a paint brush.

You may have noticed our sons are named after certain

products, not by accident. We had always discussed Oliver having his own Model 80. This came about with a couple of phone calls when we were ready. It was restored between all of us to be ready when he was old enough to drive it at rallies. Having taken his tractor driving test around the town on a Fergie 35.

Austin was a bit more difficult, how would we afford an Austin tractor, which were selling for lots of money. Anyway a 1931 French Model was offered to us through a friend of a friend in a very bad way, but restorable and probably the only way we could get an Austin, and in 1997 we took it on. Again between us it was restored and turned out very well. Austin passed his test and was able to rally it when he was 16. Having their own tractors of



significance maintained their interest. In fact, raising their interests even further. As Oliver and Austin got to working there was more money about so between us we have been able to expand our collection. This has meant moving out of town to somewhere with secure parking. The house was unimportant, space, access and room to build sheds being the main requirements. Oliver and Austin have taken over the job of transport, using our Iveco and now a Foden Low Loader of their own, they have bought tractors from America, wanted adverts and of course the tractor press, but most recently the dreaded E Bay.

Over the years it has given me the most satisfaction to stand back at a show and listen to my sons talking with some authority to their elders about tractors and restoration. They are so passionate about their interest and the older tractors they have managed to collect.

Austin is to marry Tara next year, who knows, if eventually another generation will grow up interested in old iron, I don't believe any off spring could be forced to maintain a serious interest like Oliver and Austin, but would consider ourselves very lucky if it was to happen.

Mum still loves to go to the shows. Where we have met many many very nice people over the years, travelling with Peter and Jayne Love on their holiday trips and rallying in many parts of the country. We travel up to Suffolk and Norfolk several times a year to different shows because we like the people we meet and the way you hold your shows in the traditional way, long may it last.

I believe that our interest in tractors and engines and things mechanical has been a great asset to all of our lives, working together on our restorations, travelling away together has brought us into contact with such great people, shown us parts of the world we may not have seen, taught us many skills. Our whole lives revolve around our hobby, be it reading, writing, photography, searching out history or spare parts, communicating with people all over the world, which has got much, much smaller than it was in 1972 when I started. I do not see it changing in my life time.

We all know this hobby is a disease not yet curable, when it gets hold of you as it has all of us it gets past a hobby and even obsession, it is your life.

Sorry if I have gone on a bit but I have been doing this for more than 40 years, as have others I know, so let's hear your story.

If you find this more than boring blame Viv.



*Thank you David for an interesting article. I suppose if you had a daughter she would be called Alice (Allis) Viv*



# Starting Handle Club, Marsham Summer Show

Held at the premises of Bob Parke, infamous Massey Harris collector, in near perfect weather conditions, of cloudy sunshine, despite the weatherman promising showers.

The chosen theme of display this time was Allis Chalmers and its products. A very interesting and broad display was assembled, from products of the Rumely Company taken over by Allis in 1931. With Roger Desborough's model 'G' 20/40 of 1919 and Les Clarke from Sussex light weight model 20/30 of 1929.

Lots of models from the orange coloured Allis Chalmers including a model 'U' on steel wheels and a couple on



David Mycock with his 1936 Allis Chalmers U with 1945 Allis Chalmers Allcrop 60 Combine



1947 Massey Harriss 722 Combine

rubbers. Model 'W's' were present and of course the ever popular model 'B', which lots of us have owned at some time. Two of the earlier green paint model 20/35, a very large and purposeful machine from the mid 1920's both in their working cloths, one from Mike Patrick and the other of Peter Goddard. More modern British made products were represented again in Model 'B' and 'ED40'.

In the working area an Allcrop trailed Combine was going very well and the straw was being bailed by an Allis Bailer. While in the working field the Heavy Horses looked magnificent, always attracting lots of attention and very photographic. Harvesting was represented by the Fordson Standard and Binder. The Allis Allcrop and Bob Parke's much publicised Massey Harris Combine that was working well after a sympathetic restoration, now 66 years old and performing its task as well as it did in 1947,

thought to be one of only five known examples. It was a rear treat for many to see it working being a tank model collecting the grain into a side tank as opposed to bagging the grain as it went along. They only needed a small grain truck, maybe Robin Simmons Model 'T' running alongside catching the grain would have looked the part. A close look at the workings shows what a Heath Robinson affair early combines were with chains and belts running in all directions, but it was all working well without stops for blockages or breakdowns.

Back to the tractors, most makes were represented with lots of Bob's Massey tractors out of the shed. A good display of John Deere products, including Brian Beba's model 'BR' displayed by Gordon Carson. A very nice and rare Crawler model 'MC'. Case was represented by a model 'C' on rubbers and a Flambeau Red model 'D'. Internationals dated from 1919 with an 8-16 Chain Drive through Gear Drive 10-20 right through to the 1970's with a very smart 634.

The club had arranged for a Tractor Pulling Club to set up their sledge across the top of the field, with about 15 souped up pulling tractors built on Ford, John Deere and Leyland products, obviously with many modifications making their Diesel engines run at over 5000 r.p.m., no wonder they frequently go wrong.

There appeared to be more Stationary Engines this year with a very good display. Lots of engines working with the plant that they were designed to run. I particularly like the 15hp Ruston Hornsby model I.P., never having seen one before and of course the Allen Lamp Start is probably what most of us would like to have in the shed, but there were many smaller sized engines to watch, including a very early Lister model 'L' of 1910 and many other Lister's 'A', 'B' and 'D'. The sectionalised model 'D' is a very good idea and well done by its owner. The number of Dad's trying to explain to their youngsters the internal workings that they probably had never seen before. Some very interesting theories can be heard if

you stood back and listened for a while. Lots of other makes stood out, including a Twin Side Shaft Crossley, a radiator cooled Fairbanks Morse with House Lighting Plant. The Hot Air engine brought up from Sussex created much attention driving dynamos and fans. The simple display board explaining the principle of Hot Air Power was very useful as most of us could not see how it really worked.

All in all a very good show with a very reasonable admission charge that helps to encourage the viewing public, a whole day out for a young family for £10.00 must be a good thing.

Well done to everyone involved. Without shows like yours we exhibitors would have nowhere to show off our treasures. Good luck for next year's show.

David West



Lister D sectionalised engine



1905 Fairbanks Morse Jack of All Trades





## More on the Starting Handle Club

This years' rally had the best ever turnout of horticultural machines with members and non-members bringing well over 30 machines, the highlight being Steven Halls and friends 'Firewood Sawing Display' see right, with 4 Mayfield saw benches, *see one below*, and one Barford. The most unusual exhibit has to be Rodney Bakers Marshall Mini Crawler, *below right*, made in China by Jiashan Tractor Plant, imported, bagged and sold as a Marshall Mini Crawler. *Ian Thompson and pictures by Steven Halls, members of NVTEC-EA group 'Horticultural Boys'*



## Tracks & Steel Wheels at Foulsham

Well, What can we say? Yes, it was held on October 13th and as the weather forecast predicted it rained, rained, rained with 20ml falling, but not being deterred, the hardy and reliable drivers with their very bulky machines arrived, having to unload on the side of the road as the field of 50 acres was very wet. But soon we had 20 large crawlers, 3 small crawlers and 2 steel wheel tractors ploughing and many people enjoying the lovely



sight of old machines. We had, once again, a spectacular raffle and 2 other stalls enabling us to raise a total of £1035.29. We have raised over 7 years £8,960.72 for the Big C Centre at the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital. We thank you all. Next years date is October 12th 2014.

Sally and Neville Websdale.

Left: David Robinson's dog waits for the action

Pictures by Malcolm Bush and Judy Webb





# Pensthorpe Vintage Fair

Peter Banson with his Allis Chalmers B,  
When new it worked on a farm in Tottenhill.



The 5th & 6th October  
Was Pensthorpe Vintage Fair  
And luckily the weather stayed  
Sunny, bright and clear.  
*Tractors parked up herringbone,  
Over 100 engines along the fence,  
With cars 'n bikes 'n lorries  
And vehicles from military defence.*  
Gypsies camping at the gate  
With various Romany wagons,  
The beer tent sold a local brew  
But it wasn't sold in flagons.



Frank Markham with his Teagle Machinery collection  
In the line at Pensthorpe, Peter Allflatt's Farmhall  
and Clive Slaughter's Ford 4000



Basil Whiting with his Implement Seats  
collection

*Steam bus, steam car,  
And vintage camper vans,  
All displayed together  
With bygones and petrol cans.*

Steam train rides  
Along a narrow track  
Tractors on a road run,  
And they all came back.  
*Model trucks, model boats,  
Miniature steam all around,  
Driving threshers and balers,  
Even chalk being ground.*  
To all staff and friends,  
I'd just like to say,  
'A really big thanks  
For your help on both days.'



Chris Deeble heading off on the Road Run on his  
Ferguson TF20 followed by Philip Freeman with his  
1959 Allis Chalmers D272

We look forward to seeing you all at next years Vintage Fair .  
For details please email: [pensthorpevintage@btinternet.com](mailto:pensthorpevintage@btinternet.com) or  
call Graham & Sharon on 01692671793 **Graham Turner**



4 1/2" scale model of a Ransomes Baler driven by a  
model steamer owned by Norman Sheppard



The sun shone on Pensthorpe bringing in the crowds to enjoy a well  
organised show. At the entrance was a realistic Romany Gypsy en-  
campment with a number of traditional wagons and period cos-  
tumes. Every available space within the rally field was full with an  
astounding range of vintage exhibits, including tractors, steam, engines, vintage and classic cars, bygones,  
models, model railway and trade stands. In fact there  
was something for everybody. On the Saturday af-  
ternoon a tractor run was organised to tour Fakenham.  
The Pensthorpe restaurant and facilities were made  
available for the sustenance and convenience of ex-  
hibitors and visitors.



The whole rally was a credit to the organisers Sharon  
and Graham Turner who worked so hard to ensure  
everybody experienced a safe and very happy week-  
end. **Ted Gray**



# AGM Report & Presentation

The Chair, Henry Howlett, welcomed around 50 club members to the AGM at Ryston Golf Club on November 21st. A presentation of cheques was made to: BREAK Charity for £9,000 being the proceeds of Stradsett Rally, to the East Anglia Air Ambulance for £1,062 being the proceeds of the Road Run and the raffle, and to St Mary's Church, Stradsett for £1,439 being the proceeds of the Working Weekend and a donation from Stradsett Rally. Also £200 was presented to our club from Bryan Beba and Gordon Carson, being money donated to them from visits by the Starting Handle Club and Colin Hollwell. Chris Donaldson of the E.A. Air Ambulance gave a brief update of the 'Fly By Night' activity that we donated towards last year. It was launched on June 27th and has enabled them to increase rescue services by 30% and he thanked our club profusely.

The Chair and committee were re-elected bar Peter Thorpe and Mel and Jim Wakefield who stood down from office. No further nominations were received. Henry Howlett gave an account of the club's activities thanking Peter Thorpe for his years of office. This was followed by secretary, Ted Gray's comprehensive up-beat report of the club's activities throughout 2013. The accounts were presented by Gordon Carson on behalf of treasurer Jayne Carson and a membership report was given by Chris Hunt. BREAK Charity have been providing a diverse range of



specialist residential and community based services for vulnerable children, young people and families across East Anglia for over 40 years. Following the AGM their senior fundraising officer, Sarah Bunn gave a detailed insight into these activities. She said the team 'would be besides themselves with joy to receive the cheque for £9,000 and we should be aware that this money will help local people.' Viv

**Launch of the NVTEC 200 CLUB.** £10 per annum with 50% of all ticket money being paid back to members in quarterly draws. For application, see the carrier sheet of your Vapourising Magazine. *Brian Chester, National Chairman*

## Junior Club

### Welcome to founder members:

Finley Creasey, Harvey Rutterford, Joshua Bird, Freddie Withers, John Robinson, Aaron Robinson, Thomas Kite, Alfie Geddes-Green, Lily Mitchell-Crook, Harvey Mitchell-Crook, Grace Armsby

**NEW** Exclusive to Junior Club Members. Red, short sleeve, Pique Polo Shirt with Club Logo, Junior Club and member's name embroidered. Chest sizes 24", 26", 28", 30", 32", 34". Approximately 3 week delivery so order quickly to be in time for Christmas. £14 plus postage. To order, or to request an

application form to join the Junior Club please phone Viv on 01553 617653. Forms can be downloaded from our club web site.



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or for people to find us on Facebook they can simply enter this in the address bar: [facebook.com/StradsettRally](https://www.facebook.com/StradsettRally)

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## Happy Birthday Wishes

**To: Freddie Withers** who was 4 years old on November 14th, **Joshua Bird** who was 4 years old on November 26th, **Alfie Geddes-Green** who will be 4 years old on January 11th, **Grace Armsby** who will be 8 years old On January 19th and **Harvey Mitchell-Crook** who will be 4 years old on January 22nd



We'll see you at Stradsett for your special 'sit on a tractor.'



**Jim & Mel Stand Down** It is with regret that at this time due to personal reasons we feel that we cannot give the committee the commitment it deserves and requires so have made the decision to step down. Although we have made this decision we would be pleased to continue to support the club and the rally in any way we can but not at the level of committee. Regards, Jim and Mel Wakefield

*At Sandringham: Jim Wakefield with his 1947 Barford Mechanical Gardener and wife Mel on a 1968 Mayfield Merlin Garden tractor*

**NEWS IN BRIEF.** On October 6th several club members took part in a tractor road run starting from Hilgay. Thanks go to Barbara and Barry at Bexwell Garden Centre where we stopped for coffee. The onto Tesco's at Downham Market where a collection was taken, then on to Denver Mill, Denver Bell and back to Hilgay church for a well deserved glass of wine and ploughmans lunch. £1897 was raised for East Anglian Air Ambulance.

Our thoughts and best wishes go to Malcolm Larke who is at the time of writing in hospital having suffered a stroke. *Malcolm Bush*



# Chairman's Chat

'It's that time of year when it's dark before all the work is done and we spend the days dodging rain and getting colds but what a great year our club has had!

Starting with Stradsett Rally, then the Road Run followed by Holkham and the Working Weekend and in between, various rallies where Gordon Carson, our Publicity Officer, has made sure that our club is well promoted by distributing club leaflets and taking along our club stand. All these activities take time to organise and a lot of planning and for this we must particularly thank Gordon and also Matthew Hoy, David Askew, Ted Gray and Malcolm and David Mycock. Also Viv Gray has set up a Junior Club that is proving popular amongst young tractor enthusiasts. These are the main people to thank but so many other helpers are involved and this is what makes our club successful.

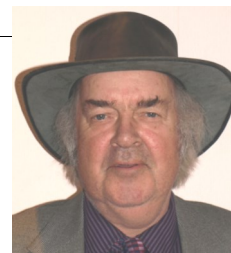
We're now enjoying the Winter Meeting speakers arranged by Peter Thorpe who, sadly, finds that family duties prevent him from continuing in his current role. Peter has been in office for several years and we thank him for his work and shall miss his

contribution. Jim and Mel Wakefield are also standing down after realising that with their busy life they cannot commit themselves to the demands of office. We do need people to step forward and take up some responsibility, such as organising Winter speakers and to bring fresh ideas to the committee. We try to be a progressive club and move with the times, so if you feel that you can make a contribution in any way please get in contact.

Now it remains for me to wish you all a

*'Very Merry Christmas and Good Health and Happiness for the New Year.'*

**Henry Howlett**



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## Membership Matters

### Its renewal time

There are no fee increases for 2014

Enclosed with this edition of Vintage Torque is your membership renewal form complete with guidance notes.

So would you please:

1. **Read it**
2. Preferably **complete it now** and return it to me
3. Or **keep it safe** for when you do renew
4. **Do Not** use any older forms for renewal

If you **change your address** please notify me and I will inform National.

Please **do not** contact them direct

Just to say thank you to you all and those who have been ill take care of your selves and remember have a Happy Christmas & New Year see you in 2014.

Any problems give me a ring or contact by email

Thanks *Chris*



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



Baseball Caps:£6, Polo Shirts, short/long sleeves,£11 & £15, Sweat shirts:£15, Overalls, zip or stud fastenings:£18/£17 Fleece Gilets:£20, Fleece Jackets: £25 Shower proof fleece-lined Jackets £25. padded body warmers £18

NB. If you want something different, I can make inquiries for you at the wholesalers. Just ask me! Viv



## Stradsett Park Vintage Rally 5th & 6th May 2013

### Festive Greeting From Your Rally Organiser

Hello everybody,

Well what a difference a year makes. I hope you have all had a great and safe rallying season. As a club we started at the Tractor World show on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> March at Malvern where we put on a great display. We then moved onto the Eastern Counties Vintage Tractor and Heritage Spectacular at the Royal Norfolk Showground on the 31<sup>st</sup> March and the 1<sup>st</sup> April. Mathew looked after this and again put on a superb display.

Then of course there was the 37<sup>th</sup> Stradsett Park Vintage Rally on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> May. I must thank you all for your kind support; I think from the feedback we can say that the rally was a great success. Yes I am the rally organiser but believe me it is a team event and a special thank you must go to all those who helped. We are already working hard for the 38<sup>th</sup> show on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> May 2014. Next year we are hoping to introduce some steam engines and heavy horses. We will again be making some changes to the layout with exhibitors' camping being in front of the main house by the lake where there should be more room to manoeuvre.

We then had our charity road run on Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> June all of whom attended had a fantastic day. David Askew helped with this so thank you for all your help David and thank you to all who supported this club event. Our summer visit was to Elgood and Son's Ltd in Wisbech on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June organised by Peter Thorpe. Again thank you to all those who supported the club.

We were then asked to put on a display at Holkham Hall which we did and thoroughly enjoyed the weekend. Malcolm and David Mycock then put on a spectacular working weekend on the 31<sup>st</sup> August and 1<sup>st</sup> September with more than ever attending so well done to them. That just leaves the Newark show on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> November. We again put on a great display so thanks to all who supported the club events throughout the year.

The NVTEC-EA group needs to keep signing up new members and we do need your help. This year the club has introduced the new Junior Club so hopefully this will help sign up some younger members. Please try to encourage new members to join the club and not just to support the club but with new members come new ideas and new exhibits.

As a club, after enjoying ourselves, our aim is to raise money for local charities such as the East Anglian Air Ambulance which I am sure you will all agree is a worthy cause. This year we ran a raffle and raised £1,062. for the Air Ambulance which was presented at the AGM on November 21<sup>st</sup>. We have decided to run it again for 2014 so your continued support would be gratefully appreciated by the club and the East Anglian Air Ambulance. The other idea behind the raffle is to promote the rally so the wider variety of people you can sell the tickets to, at just £1 a ticket, the better for the rally. A big thank you to those who helped this year by selling or buying raffle tickets and well done to those who won.

Well we are again at the end of the year for rallying and the festive season is just around the corner but don't forget to get rally forms in early for 2014. So that just leaves me to say Merry Christmas and have a happy and prosperous new year for 2014. I hope to see you all at the 38<sup>th</sup> Stradsett Park Vintage Rally on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> May 2014. *Gordon Carson*



## Winter Meetings

The meetings are held at Ryston Park Golf Club along the A10 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7.30pm. Members and guests are very welcome.

**December 19th: M. Wabe, WW2 & The Home Front**

**January 16th: David Hunter: The Army & Olympics**

**February 20th: Gerald Anderson Collection of Rural Bygones**

**March 20th: Bill Wellbourne: Fenland Aviation Museum**

### SPRING VINTAGE TRACTOR ROAD RUN Sunday April 6th

BBQ Saturday 5th evening

10am for 10.30 start

The road run will begin at Cedar Lodge, Walpole Highway, Wisbech, Cambs, PE14 7QT. Camping will be available from Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April until Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April. All campers, drivers and stewards are invited to the BBQ on Saturday evening.

A trophy, donated by Supreme Windows Ltd, will be presented to the tractor driver gaining the most sponsorship. All monies to be given to East Anglian Air Ambulance.

Contact: Gordon Carson, 01945 880091

David Askew 01945 430481

Download a form from [www.nvtec-ea.org.uk](http://www.nvtec-ea.org.uk)

### Summer Visit, Tuesday evening 20th May

In the centenary year of the outbreak of WW1 we have the opportunity to visit the lost Breckland villages around West Tofts more commonly known as the Battle Area. This very large area of land between Thetford, Brandon and Watton was taken over by the Ministry of Defence for the training of our armed forces in readiness for armed conflict anywhere around the world. This is an unique opportunity which the general public do not get to see or learn about.

Meet at Harrods Coach Depot at 4.30pm prompt, for departure at 4.45pm arriving at West Tofts Guard Room for 5.30pm. The visit last for approximately 3 hours arriving back at Bexwell about 9.15pm. Cost £5 plus £1 car parking. Contact Peter Thorpe 01366347678 or 07931577192 or email: [p.thorpe5178@btinternet.com](mailto:p.thorpe5178@btinternet.com)

### Friends of Ferguson Heritage Ltd Norfolk & Cambridge Group WEEKEND BREAK

Visit Massey-Ferguson Factory in Beauvais  
Plus D-Day Museum and Flanders

Travel by coach from Littleport on Thursday 5th June 2014 staying at a hotel for 3 nights bed & breakfast plus evening meal.

Return Sunday evening 8th June 2014

Cost £250.00 per person all inclusive

For further information contact Roger on 01366 377464 Or Alan on 01353 741735

## Editor

Thank you to those who have contributed to this issue. Please keep sending in articles/pictures etc so we can all share your knowledge and expertise and know what your getting up to! Please don't be shy! If you have something to say or something to sell contact me by telephone, email or post a letter. Hopefully you are enjoying reading about the activities of club members and feel a sense of pride that you belong to this club. The pictures and details that I publish are only a few of the ones available from Gordon so do look at the web-site to see more. The March issue deadline is February 7th 2014. I look forward to receiving your news and wish you all a Happy Christmas and Good Health for 2014! Viv



# NVTEC-EA at the 11th Newark Vintage Tractor & Heritage Show

On Thursday and Friday before the show our club members travelled to the show to get set up. We were given a warm welcome and had sufficient space to put on what we thought was a great display. We had many visitors to the club stand over the weekend none less than Ken and Cheryl Delap who came over from America. They organise many events in America and they also publish the *Prairie Gold Rush*. The *Prairie Gold Rush* is all Minneapolis-Moline in which Bryan and I have a great interest. I got to know Ken and Cheryl through Bob Park a few years ago. Several committee and club members came along and helped over the weekend so thanks to everybody who helped. Whilst none of the club members on our stand won any trophies, the West family from Canterbury did win 'Best Pre-1930' in show with their 1919 International Junior. This tractor was in the Lady Eastwood Hall and was part of the superb pre-1930 display put together by Colin Holwell and Michael Hart.



This year the theme was Wallis and Massey Harris so I took along the well-known Massey Harris GP (General Purpose) 4x4 which was built in Racine, Wisconsin, USA in 1934 and fitted with a Hercules side valve 4 cylinder engine producing 25hp at 1,000rpm. This tractor has formed part of the Shuttleworth Collection, the Hunday Museum in 1979 and the Staple Hill Collection where it was painted by John Appleyard. The second Massey

Harris I took was the red twin power row crop challenger which came from the Peter Bourne sale in Wales 2009. The registration number is 367 YUD and this is a four cylinder straight petrol version with a hand



clutch and French and Heck spoked wheels. Then to the right was Mathew Hoy's 1964 International 414, registration number APW 569B. This was Mathews granddads tractor and is his pride and joy. Then came Malcolm Bush with his 1948 petrol/TVO Fordson E27N, registration number HPW 623. The final tractor on the right was Terry Myhill's 1970 International 634 diesel tractor, registration number YNN 70H. To the left was Stuart Bailey with his 1946 Fordson Major E27N petrol/TVO, registration number 507 UXM. Then came Mr R J Mitchell and Mr P Anderson with their petrol/paraffin 1941 Farmall A, registration number EAH 485, which is fitted with a beet hoe. Then there was Ted Gray's collection of petrol cans, Basil Whiting's cast iron seats, Malcolm Larke with his cast iron plaques and a 1968 commando 8 wheel horse brought by Paul and Wendy Mackellow. As well as all of the above there was a horticultural display brought by Jim and Mel Wakefield, Ricky Kemp came with his 1924 1.5 hp Type E John Deere stationary engine which was built in Iowa, USA. Lastly, were me and Bryan Beba with a 1920's Type P2 Skelton petrol pump built by H J Goodwin Ltd. To view all the

photos from the weekend please got to [www.nvtec-ea.org.uk](http://www.nvtec-ea.org.uk) and view the 'Out and About' page. The NVTEC-EA group is one of the largest in the country. I would like to say a big thank you to all who supported our fantastic club stand. *Gordon*





**Vintage Tractor Charity Road Run**

**Sunday 6th April**

Based at Walpole Highway  
**10 am for 10.30am Start**

The Road Run will begin at Cedar Lodge, Walpole Highway, Wisbech, Cambs, PE14 7QT. Camping will be available from 12am on Saturday 5th April until 10am on Monday 7th April.

All campers are invited to the BBQ on Saturday Night on the camping field.

*Supporting Registered Charity East Anglian Air Ambulance1083876*

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



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Or Download Them From [www.nvtec-ea.org.uk](http://www.nvtec-ea.org.uk)



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