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Editor Viv Gray

Vintage Torque

NVTEC-East Anglia Group 40th Anniversary

Car Sticker enclosed with this issue

This year the NVTEC East Anglia Group is celebrating its 40th anniversary and we will be hosting the 38th Stradsett Park Vintage Rally at this beautiful estate with kind permission of Sir Jeremy and Lady Bagge. Last year the sun shone brightly on us so let's hope this year will be the same. Based on 2013 experiences we are extending the rally field and creating a slightly different layout with a new and larger exhibitors' camping area in front of the house. Steam Engines, heavy horses, a separate horticultural working display, a Sunday night Hog Roast (ticket only) and added ring presentations add to changes for 2014. The Ring side seating last year proved successful and our own, popular NVTEC -EA Group Information Tent will again be displaying some photos of our club's previous activities. Club clothing will be available to purchase or order so come along and say 'hello' and maybe add a comment in the book. UK Bars, open until late, will again be operating in the marquee (with local pub prices) and there will be additional catering, extra toilets and chemical disposal points. On Saturday evening in the marquee there will be music and then during the day on Sunday, Sunday evening and Monday daytime there will be live entertainment provided by 'Absolute Vintage,' a vocal duo, singing nostalgic songs from times past. Sunday Night is from 7.30 pm until about 10.30 pm so please do come along and show your support. This is still a trial and if we get enough support we will continue with entertainment next year.

The harvesting theme this year is sugar beet and there will be a display of 'sugar beet harvesters though the years.' This year I expect record entries in all sections of the show so if you haven't sent your form in yet then please do not delay. The Stradsett Rally is a club event so if you have any ideas on how to improve it or if you would like to be part of the 'Friends of Stradsett' group then please do contact me on 01945 880091.

Lastly we are again running the raffle with the first prize being £500.00 and for this we really need your support. Last year we raised over £1000.00 for the club and the same for the East Anglian Air Ambulance. The tickets will come out with your rally passes so if you can please support us.

That just leaves me to say I look forward to seeing you all at the rally. *Gordon Carson*

The 1973 September edition of NVTEC's Vaporising Magazine announced the formation of a new group, the East Anglia Group. In 1974 Jack Patten, East Anglia group's Public Relations Officer reported in Vaporising that 'the first rally organised by the East Anglia Group was held at the Industrial Estate off the Northern bypass at King's Lynn. Dull but dry weather persisted both days and a good turnout of tractors (61) and stationary engines (49) and bygone horticultural machinery resulted. For the more discerning an unrestored 1915 Whiting Bull tractor, owned by Mr Jack Beeken of Heacham proved a real object of interest. Several machines were put to work ploughing while others entertained in the ring with tug-o-war (20 hefty fellows pulling on an Allis Chalmers B)

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38th Stradsett Park Vintage Rally

Sun 4th & Mon 5th May 2014

10am to 5pm

Adults £5 - Children Free

A Great Family Day Out



Supporting



-Bar-

-Catering-

-Fair Rides-

-Ring Displays-

-Trade Stands-

-Heavy Horses-

-SteamEngines-



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musical chairs and slow races. All good fun! Two sets of thrashing tackle were present; the Foster drum and pitcher driven by a 1947 Field Marshall series 1 in the capable hands of Charlie Aldrich, while the Marshall set was powered by a 1950 Fordson Major in the charge of Freddy Howling. Credit must go to the small rally committee and members, all of whom worked with a will to make this, their first rally, an unqualified success.'

In the following 2 years the rally moved to Roger Coe's Manor Farm at Grimston with the 1975 rally reported being the biggest project since the group was formed with 122 tractors, 60 stationary engines and 4 sets of threshing tackle. Maybe the comment from 'an engineer of Fincham Work Day' in the November newsletter helped: 'All members of the club could make this club one of the best in the country if only they would offer to help in some way.'

That was 40 years ago and time and the Health and Safety Code of Practice have brought a few necessary changes. Interestingly the original members who took office and stood on the committee were, in the main, in farming and engineering. Our present committee members have a diverse range of occupations, some not related to farming at all and vintage machinery is a hobby rather than a way of life. As we lose our older members it becomes obvious that the days of the pure vintage tractor/engine rally are dwindling. We are striving to find ways of ensuring the preservation of these vintage machines by attracting the general public to our shows. Some may despair at the introduction of a variety of ring entertainments, the heavy horses and steamers but we are offering a show suitable for families. If in doing so we can stimulate interest in our vintage exhibits it may be enough to preserve the past for future generations. We can but try and hope club members will support us, otherwise the wealth of knowledge and expertise will slowly dissipate with time. Viv

In the 1980 December Vaporising Jack Patten reported 'Disaster Averted at King's Lynn Harbour'. The 72' M.F.V. Asterias of Tromso sailed into port in July. Her owners had purchased her in Norway and were bringing her home prior to fitting out. The owner negotiated the treacherous channel without a pilot. However, when he arrived the tide was ebbing fast and instead of contacting the harbour authorities he asked someone on the quayside who assured him it would be alright to lie where he was as big ships often moored there. BUT big ships have flat bottoms while his vessel was quite sharp with the result that as the tide receded she took an alarming list into the river. Looking at the casualty it was doubtful she would lift on the next tide. 'Send for Neville' was the cry as more often than not, member Neville Shipp would be there to help anyone in difficulty either on shore or afloat. Fred Rudd and his transporter brought Neville and his 1930 vintage Allis Chalmers K to the port where ropes, shackles and an array of odd wood had been collected by the harbour authorities and placed in position for the 'big pull.' Sadly, Fred crushed his finger and went to hospital so missing the big heave which was witnessed by a sizeable crowd. The Fire Brigade were summoned to pump water out of the hull while Neville exerted a steady pull and slowly the vessel came upright and was soon afloat. The old Allis Chalmers and Neville saved the day. Viv



In the photo clockwise from the left: Fred Rudd, Basil Whiting, Malcolm Bush, Newman Smith, Peter Caley, Reg Matless.

NVTEC-EA Group Officers, Committee & Marshalls 1974

Chair: Neville Shipp

Vice Chair: Peter Gore-Rowe

Secretary: Trevor Groom

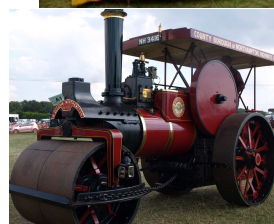
Safety: Fred Howling

Public Relations: Jack Patten

Malcolm Bush, Peter Caley, Roger Coe, Francis Earl, Peter Longfoot, George MacDonald, Brian Mack, Reg Matless, Ray Rodwell, Fred Rudd, Newman Smith, Michael Towler, Basil Whiting.

A few founder members of the East Anglia Group met to discuss arrangements for the money raised, £130, to buy a trophy dedicated to Neville Shipp, the first chairman. It was decided to buy a shield which they will award to a worthy recipient at Stradsett Rally.

New attractions at Stradsett will be the heavy horses with Derek Spanton, steam engines and scale models, and also 3 Samson tractors owned by Gerald Gregory, Allan Sale, Gordon Carson and Bryan Beba. Barbara Townsend will be there with her Greyhound Rescue and Philip Gray is providing fairground rides for the children.



A Poem by Graham Turner

Cold weather nearly over
Winter coming to close
Time to open up the shed
And see if the engine goes

Taking off its cover sheet
And wiping off the dust
Cleaning off the flywheels
To remove the flecks of rust

Finding out the oil can
And a starting handle too
Fill up all the greasers
And squeeze a little through

Putting petrol in the carb
And paraffin in the tank
Looks like we are ready
To give the handle a crank

One last look over
Make sure everything is set
Remembering last year
How this engine made us sweat

Hoping that this engine starts
With no problems on this day
So I can get it cleaned and painted
Ready for Stradsett Park in May

Lincolnshire Agricultural Machinery Manufacturers Association

I was asked at the Newark Show by James Coward to attend the 2014 LAMMA Show which was to be held for the first time at the East of England Showground on Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd January. The show was previously held at the Newark show ground for many years. James is part of the Peterborough Preservation Society who was putting on a display so I asked if our club could join them with the club stand and they were happy for us as the NVTEC-EA to join them. As it was to be in January it wasn't going to be easy to get many people to bring their old machines out. So I asked some members who I was confident I



This tractor was his Grandads and means a lot to Matthew as you can see by the way it is kept. Despite Jim and Mel having a few transportation problems on the way they eventually arrived about 4pm on Tuesday with a very nice horticultural display. Myself and Bryan took along the 1919 D16 friction drive Heider. This tractor was built by the Rock Island Heider Plow Company and spent its life in a saw mill and was one of Grace Beba's favourites. We also took a 16 coultter horse drawn seed drill built in the early 20's by J. Gibbs Manufacturers and Agent Bedfont, Middlesex. Ted and Viv Gray kindly brought part of their superb display of petrol cans which had a lot of interest over the course of the show. There were also a few of our members in with the Peterborough Preservation Society and the Blue force group.



could rely on and they didn't let me down. Terry Myhill brought his 1970 International 634 two wheel drive tractor, registration YNN 701H. Malcolm Bush brought along his 1942 John Deere Model L styled tractor fitted with a side mower, registration HTT 303. This tractor was used to cut playing fields in Cornwall for many years. Matthew Hoy brought his International 414, registration APW 569B.



I must say the show was an eye opener for me as I have never in my life seen so much agricultural machinery in one place. It was truly amazing and to be honest it made our vintage display look a little out of place. We did however have a surprising number of people looking around and having a chat with us. Despite the weather being very wet on the run up to the show and even on the morning of the show it stayed fine all day on Wednesday and the sun was shining but it was very wet under foot. However it did rain on and off on the Thursday but did not seem to deter the hardy farmers. All in all we had a good couple of days and I would like to thank all that supported our club and all those who came along and said hello.

Gordon Carson



60th WORLD PLOUGHING MATCH

At Olds, Alberta, Canada

I was fortunate enough to be on holiday in Canada to be able to go to the World Ploughing Match, held at a large Agricultural Collage in the small town of Olds, North of Calgary. The event had been held here in 1986 but this year celebrated 100 years of Olds Collage with 57 ploughmen and women from 29 Countries all round the world such as Australia, New Zealand, Kenya, many European Countries, including England, Wales Scotland and Ireland. United States, and of course Canada. Some competitors are lucky enough to take their own tractors and ploughs, or at least the plough and then borrow a tractor.



Case 65hp steamer with 4 furrow John Deere plough



1909 IHC Friction Drive 12 hp

Practicing takes place on the Thursday, Stubble Ploughing on the Friday and Grassland on the Saturday. All ploughs are 2 furrow with conventional in loose terms as many are far from original and turn over. The competitors from the wealthier countries have fitted adjusters and gadgets to move the plough in every conceivable direction, whilst those from Kenya for example had to use a very much more basic plough. Even with all this equipment I was not impressed with all the ploughing, given the soil was very dark loam with particles of clay deep down. It looked like a good stuff to me, but I have never won a ploughing competition what would I know.

Anyway, each ploughman has a marked out plot about the same size as we would have in a match here. He then has 20 minutes to strike out his first furrow, another 60 minutes to form his opening and be finished in 160 minutes, so plenty of time.



Cockshutt 30, made in Canada

Numerous makes of tractors were used, mostly 4-wheel drive from Massey Ferguson, Ford, New Holland, the odd John Deere, Kubota and the Austrians who entered two lady competitors used their own Styers.

I watched some of the stubble ploughing and looked at the finished plots, my judgment was different to their judges who photographed each stage of the operation for future reference. The young lad from Scotland, Andrew Mitchell, did very well, as did some of the Eastern Block entrants, many of whom are not professional ploughman but teachers, and other trades and professions.



Canadian 14-28

Anyway the judges elected the young Austrian girl as the conventional winner, Barbera Klaus a former Sugar Beat Queen. I did not get back on the Saturday for the Grassland work or watch the turn over section, which I have never done, although this work looks more interesting than the conventional work with diagonal ploughing and straight work in the same plot. This seems far more technical to me but a slow tedious process.

Of much more interest to me was the display of vintage and veteran tractors on display. There was just one steam engine a 65HP Case which was used to demonstrate ploughing with a 4 furrow John Deere gang plough. This was later put onto a dynamometer, set up on site and held full power for several minutes with much black smoke billowing from the chimney to the delight of the assembled crowd.

Tractors were paraded each day with most makes covered, ranging from a 1909 Friction Drive International, truly a stationary engine on wheels without gearing but transferring drive from the crank shaft to the wheels by rollers rubbing hard together, the single hit and miss engine firing every 6 or 7 revolutions making progress a little uneven. This and a Canadian tractor were brought out by the Reynolds Museum staff from their collection and is a story for another day. The Canadian is special as it has a wooden



John Deere D with spoked flywheel

beam chassis of about 9" square with the front axle bracket and gear box back axle support bolted to each end of the beam and the drive wheels have wooden spokes. No wonder there are very few left

in preservation.

Private individuals exhibited other early tractors including a 30/60 Rumley and an Altman Taylor of similar size. In the small sizes there was a GMC/Samson Sieve Grip, this was fitted with a very early electric starting system and lights, items much rarer than the tractor itself.

There were many collectable tractors some with a very high standard of restoration, including late examples from International, John Deere, Case, Fordson and Lanz. I guess because of the migration of Europeans to Canada there was much interest in German products, the E27N Fordson was imported into Canada in large quantities I believe there was a subsidy attached to imports from the U. K. after the war.



Englands entrant Ashley Boyles 2 furrow conventional

The local Dealerships had a stand to display their wares. This being prairie country the machines were all very big, how they ever pay for themselves I do not know.

There was a demonstration of horse ploughing. A friend with me was disgusted at their achievements but the horses were well turned out, mostly Belgium's with beautiful colouring.

Very popular in this part of the world is tractor pulling. The one set up at Olds was a very small example, for light weight vintage tractors, like Fordson E27N, Oliver 77's, Minneapolis Moline Model Z, Cockshutt 30 a Candian assembled Oliver tractor, International WD 6 and many more. Nothing too strenuous as nobody wanted to break anything but lots of entrants probably as many as 100 altogether all taking their turn.

A letter from Sarah Bunn, Senior Fundraising Officer for Break Charity.

Dear Henry, Thank you for your generous donation of £9,000 which we received on 25th November 2013 which will help our specialist care work. Thank you for choosing to support Break this year, we really appreciate it. The show was incredible and I know that all of our volunteers really enjoyed being able to attend.

Special thanks go to Gordon Carson for assisting us with this event, his help was invaluable. We appreciated being given such a great spot at the show and also being able to try things like the bucket collection. Every little truly helped on this event ensuring that as well as this amount raised from gate sales we also raised £1,068 over the weekend on our stand.

Another attraction on practice day was an auction of vintage tackle next door to the ploughing site. I was surprised at the prices being made for the items I saw sold. There were Grey Fergusons, lots of Internationals, W4, W30, 10-20, Farmall, F12 & 14, H and Cubs, very nicely restored John Deere's, a Hart Par 18-36. Some very interesting Stationary Engines including a Fuller and Johnson Pump Jack and a couple of 15HP Fairbanks Morse Open Crank Model Z's. There were Disc Ploughs and 2 furrow ride on Sulky Ploughs and a very original Massey Harris manure spreader.



John Deere 9460R

Prices certainly look to be on the rise in Canada. We would not expect to pay as much for similar tractors in the UK. Perhaps this reflects the whole life style of the people of Alberta now they have oil in a big way. We will come back to the Reynolds Museum Collection and others on another day.

An Anonymous traveller



Fairbanks Morse model Z 15 hp

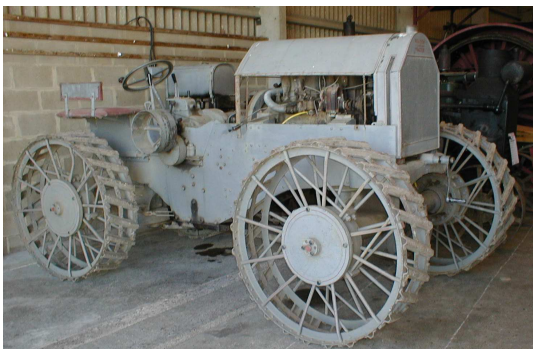
This special donation will contribute towards our specialised care services for vulnerable children, young people and families across East Anglia. This includes our 7 Children's Homes, An Assessment Centre for families who could be at risk of having their children taken into care, Transition and Mentoring services for young people leaving the care system and our services for children with disabilities, which includes a 4-bedded residential home and a care centre providing short breaks (previously known as respite care.) Your donation is very much appreciated by Break and we are grateful that you have given a gift that will bring hope, happiness and a brighter, safer future to vulnerable children and families. From everyone here at Break, and especially from those you are helping, a very sincere thank you for your much appreciated support.

Yours sincerely, Sarah Bunn

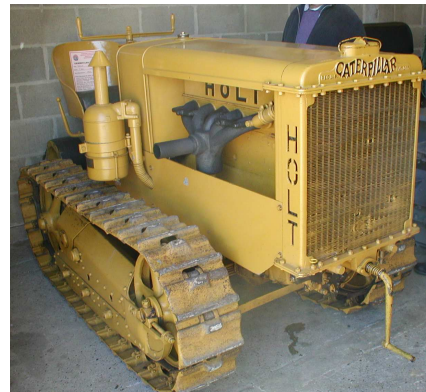
Out and About with Mick Ketchell in 2013

Here we go for 2013, drier, warmer, and not so windy.

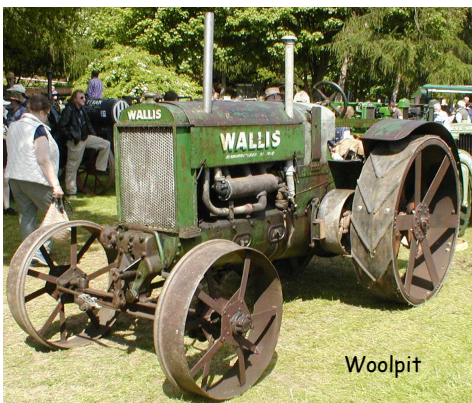
Again, first the Eastern Counties Tractor Show at the Norfolk Showground lived up to expectations with more rare tractors and a slightly different layout, somewhat obscured by parked lorries. Overnight the temperature fell to -3C, brrr! But sunny daytimes.



No floods at Stradsett so we arrived, stayed and left on warm, sunny days which made up for last May. Another revised layout with displays adjacent to the ring and a variety of stalls. There was a low point when my Fergy suffered a fuel block whilst on parade in the ring but this was counteracted by my cash prize win in the Grand Draw the next day.



Even I scratched my head at the direction signs to the South Suffolk Show... 'Don't use the Public Entrance'... 'Use Public Entrance'...??? However, all went well, good attendance and tractor turnout. 'Kangaroo Kid' promised an Aussie No. Plate, ended with a shower So unload the tractor and adjustable, load spanners and on to Ipswich for the Suffolk Show. A familiar layout with more room. It was a cool Wednesday with more visitors on Thursday. I didn't see much of the 'other half' who went 'hunting' but a good show.



Woolpit

Friday meant a fast turnaround, reload the tractor for a weekend at Woolpit. Another collection of rare tractors and good weather so everyone went home happy.

Not so at Horeham which was cancelled for the second year running. Car park and insurance problems could see the end of this well liked rally. A different venue is being sought after.



This gave a little breathing space before Euston, normally the following day. The weather was dry, the rally spread out again with a huge equine presence and I won 'Best Collection Display', a plaque on a sorry looking piece of wood, not silver! Two tractors that I rebuilt on show.



At Old Buckenham Airshow the wind was the enemy, gusting above 25mph meaning that the large scale models were unable to fly in Saturdays' squally showers although there were some aerobatic displays. There was a 'Forties style' Barn Dance that night for the energetic. Sunday continued windy with shorter showers enabling more aircraft displays. There were plenty of classic cars and a good Military turnout.

At Long Melford the contrast from last year could not have been greater with perfect blue skies and sunshine almost too hot for some. No mud, nobody towed in and out, just a little dust. There were big crowds both days that thinned out later by the heat and the lure of tennis. More than 25 Bedford OB29 seater buses were the speciality that everyone seemed to remember going to school in, at least the older generation! Great displays and an enjoyable weekend.





After travelling the somewhat narrow roads to Little Ellingham we had a better position but the stationary engines were still 'over Will's Mothers' but joined by the horticultural display. A revised site is promised for 2014! There was a good working display and ploughing match and over 30 tractors on the Saturday evening Road Run. This is an underrated, laid back show.



With the harvest in full swing and fewer tractor rallies we ventured to a very local show at Fornham St Martin featuring classic and Sports cars taking car, motorcycle and local nameplates which went well. 500 cars and 4,000 plus people raising over £20,000 for the St Nicolas Hospice in Bury St Edmunds. The Warm, dry weather was a big help!

It had to happen, Barleylands, which is normally a good show, turned out cool, wet and windy for the first time in many visits which unfortunately kept visitors away, especially Saturday. It's amazing what the MotoX bikes can do in spite of high winds!

Lastly the up-and-coming Pensthorpe show where I viewed the tractors, the wife and the wildlife all happy with the October weather. Swap next year? Maybe! Another good Road Run turnout. *Mick Ketchell*



The Sun Shines on Little Casterton (again)

Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd September 2013 saw the return of the Little Casterton Working Weekend. This event has become one of the most popular working events in the UK. Organised and run by Mr J.W. Chatterton near Stamford in Lincolnshire. I was working on the Saturday so I could only attend on the Sunday. Myself and my close friend Richard Perry (and his black Labrador, Ebby) arrived about 9am and as always we were made very welcome by all. After a sneaky bacon roll and a cup of tea, we had a safety meeting which was run by Chris Goodley. Safety at these events is paramount and everybody must always do their bit to ensure their own and everybody else's safety. After the meeting we got unloaded and this year I took the 1933 Cletrac model number 25 which Bryan and Grace brought at the Sparky Duroe Collection sale, in Jesup America in June 2008 and then imported. This is quite a rarity in the UK, it has a 6 cylinder straight petrol Hercules engine fitted and you certainly notice it when I used over half a tank on Sunday just 'playing' for a small amount of



time. There was a marvelous display of old machinery

as well as many friends, acquaintances, familiar faces and last but not least Mr Ron Flint who was once chairman of the NVTEC. He was working his 1939 Minneapolis Model RTS with a 2 furrow Ransome plough. I must say he was doing a great job and I don't think satellite control could have done it any straighter, it looked superb. Thank you to the organisers for a fantastic day. To view all the photos from the weekend please go to www.nvtec-ea.org.uk and view the 'Out and About' page. *Gordon Carson*

GREAT DORSET STEAM FAIR 2013

As the weather was promised to be good, according to the BBC anyway, we decided to go down to Dorset to look around the Steam Fair, as the last time we exhibited there was for the Oliver Special in 2007. It was time for another look.

Leaving at 4.30am to be on site before the queues we arrived about 8.30am to be in row 10 in the car park. The show does not get going until about 10 o'clock so we start with the Commercial's that mostly get left in their lines. There are always a few new restorations or wagons not seen previously.

By now things are buzzing so it's the Horticultural working section next. There are 100 entries in the programme, all makes carrying out all operations - ploughing, rotovating, cultivating, rolling. They have turned the chalky soil into dust, having turned it over for four days.

Then it's Stationary Engines, some of which have been exhibited here for over 40 years. Again all makes are shown, some of the one's that stood out are, 1908 Blackstone. 5.hp. 1923 New Holland 2.5hp. 1911 Nelson 4.5hp. There are many of the popular makes, Lister, Ruston Hornsby,



Wehr Fordson Motor Roller

Amanco, International and more in all sizes and shapes. Some restored to Concours condition and others showing their age.

Next up are the Static Tractors, with Nuffield/Leyland being their special theme with many off farm machines in the Blue and Yellow Liveries of the later Leyland's. Of interest to us were the older models and tracked tractors.

There was a very interesting model 'F' Fordson imported from the U.S.A., equipped with a double drum winch for a special purpose, may be in use with the Circus Big Top.

There were two early Austin Model 'R', one of which looked to still be in its original paintwork on the correct rubber blocks fitted for road work.

Dorset attracts lots of foreign makes from Porsche, Eicher, Le Percheron, a French made Lanz look alike, Bautz, Hatz another make I had not heard of and even a



3" scale model International 10-20

Skoda, most of these tractors being small size and weight making them easier to transport, one and two cylinder diesels making them cheap to operate.

There was also a Scale Model of a 10/20 International of about 3"



1935 Fordson N industrial



Fordson E27N with single front wheel



1941 Caterpillar D8 with Latourneau 9 cu yd scraper

Scale, this was a very good look alike.

The real Crawler Section must be the working construction plant. A Caterpillar D8 of the 1940's was working with a towed Le Tourneau scraper reducing the spoil pile he had created over three days and spreading it back in the hole he had previously dug. The fields have to be reinstated fit for drilling in a few days' time for next year's harvest. In this

section were two Model 'F' Fordson based machines, one a grader the other a road roller made by Wehr both imported from the States.

At the other end of the construction play pen were two Ruston - Bucyrus No.4. Navies, one rigged as a drag line that we did not see working, the other working as a face shovel. He had dug him self into a 6 foot deep hole and was seen digging away very purposefully.

Time does not allow us to see everything on site in one day so we missed out the Military Section.

A rural section called 'How Twer Done in Granfers Day'. A display area of numerous rural and bygone crafts such as thatching, fence making, displays of early tools. The vintage cars, motorcycles.

Heavy Horses and much more.

We did not see the working tractor section, but had to be downwind of the dust, again there are all sorts of operations being carried out - ploughing, cultivating and rolling.

The real stars of Dorset are the Steamers. This year the special section was Steam Rollers, with

over 100 rollers listed in the programme. One idea was to create a World Record by driving rollers over a stretch of tarmac. We believe they managed 105.

All the usual attractions were there, including a large fenced off area where the haulage engines can drive about pulling authentic loads. This creates much attention and makes for lots of great photographs. Of course the one attraction that you will not see anywhere else in the world is the line-up of Showman's Engines across the front of the fair. Some engines generating to drive rides such as the Gallopers. This year there were 60 listed. They are best seen after dark when they are all lit up.

Opposite the line up several open air Concert Theatres are erected complete with organs, dancers and entertainers, providing entertainment for their audience, surrounded by Steam Engines.

After 12 hours of walking around we have enough leg power left to get back to the car to set off for home. A great day out. *The West Family*



1912 Brownwall open crank 1hp engine 5



1922 Cletrac model F with chain harrow



W H Pool 5hp oil engine

Editor On a cold, raw January day a few of us accompanied Gordon to set up our club stand at the LAMMA Show and Malcolm Bush commented that really with Newark in November the rally season is now throughout the year. Quite so, but only for the hardy ones, I thought as Ted and I retreated home to warm up in front of our wood burner. However with the changed date for the Road Run being in April I shall soon be out and about with my camera. Then Stradsett Rally will be upon us and I am already feeling excited over the new additions, the heavy horses, of course, and also the steamers. There are new trophies to be awarded too so it looks like the June issue will be choc-a-bloc. I shall be making a 'Stradsett 2014 Calendar' for 2015 so if you would like one, let me know. There are fridge magnets of tractors at Stradsett for you to collect, maybe your tractor is one of them! Come and find them in the Information Tent. As usual, I look forward to receiving your pictures and accounts of your activities to share with other club members. Deadline for June Issue: May 9th 2014 *Viv*

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The Vintage Horticultural and Garden Machinery Ploughing & Working Day

Stanfield, 23rd March 2014.

All club members and non-members are welcome. Please contact Adrian Hall on 01328851571.

Titch Sanders s hoping to have a BMB President get-together on the day, working or non-working. For the BMB President please contact Titch on 07966394019 or www.bmbpresident.com All proceeds to go to East Anglian Air Ambulance.

Pictures sent in by Ian Thompson



Chairman's Chat

As I write this chat I look out to find yet more rain, a water-logged landscape and look forward to the end of winter, longer days, sunshine and, of course, the coming year of all things vintage. Our club stand has already been out at shows and has been much admired by members of the public. If any club members want to add their exhibits to the stand please contact any committee member as space is always available. As a committee we are well ahead with the planning for our rally at Stradsett. This year it is hoped to include heavy horses, steamers and a hog roast to compliment last year's show and continue to provide a diverse attraction for the general public. I know Gordon would be pleased to hear from anybody who might like to become a "Friend of Stradsett" and help with duties during the show. It was heartening that so many non-members helped last year.

WANTED 'Friends of Stradsett' Vintage Rally'

At Stradsett Rally last year we were very pleased with the response to our call for 'Friends of Stradsett'. Their help was invaluable and from feedback received everyone really enjoyed their time carrying out a variety of jobs from manning the front gate to taking a turn in the Information Tent.

Once again we are asking if you would like to take part in staging the 38th Stradsett Rally or maybe you may know someone who would like to help. There are a variety of jobs to do and, if required, camping is available all weekend.

As last year, Pauline Petch and her team of cadets will still control the car park and the parking and the public will pay at the entrance to the rally field after parking.

If you, your partner or a friend would like to help then please contact me on 01945 880091 / 07860 658767 or email me at Stradsett@nvttec-ea.org.uk and become one of our 'Friends of the Stradsett Park Vintage Rally'.

Thank you *Gordon Carson*

Junior Club

Welcome to new members:

Holly Rash, Kian Gay, Jayden Gay
Stradsett Park Rally will be coming soon so get your 'Special Invitation' ready to have your photograph taken sitting on a tractor. Also there are 24 'tractor fridge magnets' for you to begin collecting. Look for them in the Information Tent at the rally.



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 Stradsett. £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; nvttec-ea.org.uk

As you will see in this edition the annual road run is to be held earlier in the year with a BBQ and camping facilities for participants. Your support will be welcome.



We are approaching the end of the winter meetings and have enjoyed a range of presentations. The attendance at these meetings has been very encouraging. Ian Long will be taking over the organisation of the speakers for next winter and I am sure any ideas would be very much appreciated.

Finally the club is celebrating its 40th year in 2014 and a commemorative trophy will be presented at Stradsett. Also, enclosed with this issue of Vintage Torque is a free car sticker. We are indebted to founder members who have met recently to provide a history of the early days. In addition, a memorial trophy dedicated to Neville Ship, our first chairman, will also be introduced.

I sincerely hope that 2014 will be as successful as last year and that all members will enjoy a safe and happy rally season.

Henry

We have just become aware that Holkham Country Fair has been cancelled for this year! We were not informed but had to discover this for ourselves and as the web-site has been changed without taking down the previous one which advertises this year's show, it was not easy! *Ted*

Club Clothing



Black Baseball Caps £6, Short or Long Sleeve Polos, various colours, £15. Sweat Shirts £15 in Grey, Maroon or Bottle Green. Black Shower/Wind Proof/Fleece Lined Jackets £25. Padded Body Warmers, Navy, Olive Green, £18. Quality Fleece Gilets £20 and Fleece Jackets £25 various colours. Boiler suits, zip or stud closure £18 all with club logo. Bib n Brace, navy. £16 Separate, 'sew on' Embroidered Club Logo, £2.50. Some items are in stock, orders take approximately 3 weeks. Order now in time for the rallying season.

Do you have a special clothing request? If so, phone me, Viv, for your requirements and I will make enquiries at the wholesaler. 01553617653

Happy Birthday Wishes

To;

Holly Rash who will be 12 years old on March 5th,

Lily Mitchell-Crook who will be 7 years old on March 20th,

Thomas Kite, who will be 11 years old on April 9th,

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



What's On Elsewhere

Tractor World Show 1st & 2nd March Three Counties Showground, Malvern Worcestershire

Holbeach Town & Country Fayre 14/15th June King's Field, Fen Road. contact Colin Newell 07724075762

4th Vintage Horticultural & Garden Machinery Working Day 23rd March Stanfield, B1145 Norfolk 10.30am start. Contact: A. Hall 01328 851571, Ian Thompson 01328700475,

Friends of St Botolphs Tractor Road Run 15th June. At Manor Farm, Grimston, 5 miles east of King's Lynn. Contact Trevor Stebbings 01553 630603 Travelling along country lanes through villages. Lunch on Massingham Green, returning to Manor Farm Grimston for a BBQ and hog roast courtesy of Roger Coe. Total distance 22 miles. Meet at 10am for 10.30 departure.

Eastern Counties Vintage Tractor Show 2014 Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th March - 9.00am - 4.00pm. The Biggest Display of Pre 1930's Tractors and Cars in the Country 2014 Special Theme Ransomes Sims & Jefferies Machinery. contact: Roger Desborough on 01502 478268 or 07836 620506. Entry forms can also be downloaded from the website at www.easterncountiesvintagetractorshow.co.uk Entry: £8 adults,

Blue Force 1000 Newark Showground 28th/29th June To commemorate 50th anniversary of Ford Worldwide Family of tractors initiated by Henry Ford 11 in 1960. We will have a club stand depicting working scenes of Ford & Fordson tractors. To take part contact Gordon Carson 07860658767, 01945880091

Little Downham Bygone & Organ Extravaganza (near Ely) at the Village Centre 29th March 1pm to 5.30pm In aid of MAGPAS Contact: Trevor Brown 01353 778830 after 7pm

Long Melford Vintage Rally 5/6th July Long Melford Hall, Sudbury, Suffolk. contact John Morton 01787 371843

Road Run Sunday 11th May from Bawdeswell Village Hall, travelling through country lanes to Ringland Swan for lunch then back via lanes to the village hall for tea and buns. Breakfast will be available but must be pre-booked. Contact Tony Hood 01362 688218 email: tony.hood3524@btinternet.com

Narborough Village Fair Sunday 27st July 11am-4pm contact Maureen Burchell 01760 337613 email maureenburchell@btinternet.com

Burghley Game & Country Show 25/26th May contact Clive Richardson 07789266423

East Midlands Game & Country Show Saturday & Sunday August 2nd & 3rd contact Clive Richardson 07789266423

Guestwick Tractor Road Run Sunday 25th May. Meet at the village hall for 10am start. Tractors to unload at Station Barn Farm, courtesy of Sir John White BT. £11 per tractor, each passenger £6. Food at the start and free BBQ at the end. Proceeds to go to Guestwick Village Hall and Millenium Green Charity. Contact Kevin & Elsie Roye 01362 684213

Hilgay Vintage & Country Show August 2nd & 3rd Farming Demonstrations thro' the Ages. contact Peter Bates 01366 387988

Lincoln Steam & Vintage Rally 16th & 17th August contact Glyn MacDonald 01507 605937

Hockwold Country Fair Sunday 1st June at Wilton Farm contact Judy Webb 01366728776 mob: 07895787076 entries by 18th April

Earls Barton Rally & Country Fayre August 23/24/25th contact Miss C Randall 07826305241 Mr R Hollowell 07960082975

Haddenham Steam Rally 6th & 7th September contact Mrs Denise Young 01487842771

Sandringham Game & Country Show 13th/14th September contact Clive Richardson : 01945 860224 Mob: 07789266423 For Bygones contact Owen Medlock 01553671380 07765441738.

Pensthorpe 4/5th October contact Graham Turner 01692 671793

Newark Vintage Tractor Show November 8th & 9th Major Theme Display of Massey Ferguson If you would like to be on our NVTEC-EA club stand contact Gordon Carson.

Membership Matters

Hi Everyone

A very belated Happy New Year.

As its 2014 now you will be aware that you should have sent me your membership fees. If you have had a letter asking for your membership payment that means you have **not sent** it back to me .

Please tell your friends about the NVTEC and get them to join, it really is a good hobby to have and is very friendly, with lots going on. Stradsett is 4-5 May this year

To all those who have not been well, keep your chin up we will be thinking of you.

To find a membership form look on the internet for NVTEC East Anglia and follow the link:

emailmembership@nvtec-ea.org.uk

email: membership@nvtec-ea.org.uk

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£5 I have a few 2014 Calendars with photographs of Stradsett Rally 2013. If you would like one please contact me, Viv.



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Club Activities

NVTEC-EA Group
Charity Working
Weekend
Oak Farm, Stradsett
August 30th & 31st



Contact: Malcolm Mycock
01366 500250

caramel52@yahoo.co.uk

We ask for a £5 charity
donation

Camping is available and a
Burger Van will be there.



Come and experience the real
working environment.
Get help and advice from knowl-
edgeable people.
Enjoy the experience without
pressure of competition.
**Raising money for St
Mary's Church, Stradsett**



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 Ambulance
1083876*

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.



For Entry and
Sponsorship Forms
Contact

David Askew
01945 430481

Gordon Carson
01945 880091

Or Download a Form
from
www.nvtec-ea.org.uk



March 20th Winter Meeting at Ryston Golf Club,
7.30pm with Bill Wellbourne talking about the Fenland
Aviation Museum. Bring your friends too!

NVTEC East Anglia Group

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Holkham Country Show 26 & 27th July

The show is now an annual event
presenting a dis- **show** with our club
engines and **cancelled** play of tractors,
and **cancelled** bygones.
For more details
contact Ted Gray



Summer Visit Tuesday 20th May A three hour trip around the
lost Brecklands Villages around West Tofts. Meet at Harrods
Coach Depot at 4.30pm. Contact Peter Thorpe 01366347678

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