

Stradsett Park 2014



Vintage Rally

What a Show!



The public came in their thousands to the beautiful Stradsett Park Estate to enjoy a great show, organised by Gordon Carson with the help of an extensive team of stewards and 'Friends of Stradsett'.

It was a daunting, year-long project, demanding organisational skills, much fore-thought and creativity and the collation of ideas. The 40th anniversary of the NVTEC-EA group served as a reminder that the philosophy of the club is to 'Preserve the past for future generations' and exhibits were truly vintage with some rare examples of tractors dating back to the early rallies. The theme was 'Sugar Beet Harvesting' beginning with the laborious hand method of 'chopping out' to the huge, phenomenally expensive modern harvesters, operated by a small digital pad, which took part in an impressive ring finale each day.

Although the rally site had been extended to the lake-side it was packed to capacity with record entries in all categories. Exhibitors had gone to great lengths to put on displays that were attractive to the general public and interesting to the more knowledgeable. Extra attractions were the noble Shire horses and full sized and miniature scale model steam-

ers. The ring attractions continued steadily throughout each day, knowledgeably compered by Colin Holwell and Michael Hart.

As a 'day out' there was something for everyone with fun rides for the children and a good variety of trade stands. A fun questionnaire, which was reported to be 'really good', helped families find their way to discovering the different types of vintage exhibits. The Information Tent displayed photographs of past club activities, recent and dating back to the East Anglia group's beginning in 1974. New members were enrolled including Junior Club members, club merchandise was on sale and raffle tickets could be purchased. Junior Club members eagerly claimed their 'Special Invitation to sit on a static tractor' and have their photograph taken for publication.

The glorious weather played its part as ice cream was sold out, the beer tent was busy and families sat out in the sunshine and enjoyed a varied choice of food.

As one seasoned rally-goer said to me, 'How are you going to top that?' Viv

Sugar Beet Harvesting Through the Ages



Reg Fletcher organised an impressive Sugar Beet Harvesting Display.

Malcolm Mycock: those were the days, working with hand tools.



Top right: Cliff Armsby's 2012 Ropa Europa Tiger & Row Harvester.

Below: R. Warnes 2012 Ropa Europa Mouse Beet Loader, can load a 29ton lorry with sugar beet in 4 1/2 minutes.



Below: Carter Haulage JCB loading shovel with 4 tonne capacity loading bucket.

Below left: M. Golding brought his 1960 Peter Standen Cyclon Mk 1V Harvester all the way from Pymoor.

P. Caley's Foster Thrashing Set & Massey Harris on the next page



On The Move to the Ring

R. Gott's 1990 Peter Standen Chalanger Beet Harvester believed to be one of only a few in existence as others, due to problems, were recalled and destroyed.



Matthew Hoy with his International B414 and 1964 Peter Standen Rapied that he restored. It used to belong to his grandfather.



David Waters with his 1959 Fordson E1A Major Peter Standen Rapied Tanker 1964 been in the family since new and is used every year.

Below right: Owner Mr English has had the harvester from new. It was restored at the Peter Standen factory for an exhibition. Keith Gore arranged transport and towed it with his 1962 Massey Ferguson 65 and h1950

Below left: Setting up: Peter Caley and saw bench owner Derek Kirk and helper D.Bilverstone.



Horticultural



The Horticultural section organised by Mel & Jim Wakefield

was much enlarged this year with a brilliant working display that earned the creators Best Exhibit on Site 'The Wingnut Wood Yard' with Steven and Adrian Hall and Ian Thompson, 'Also featured, NVTEC-EA award for Best Restored Horticultural Machine, David Buttress' 1960 Ransomes MG6, 'Best Horticultural Used Machine won by Peter Martin with his 1946 Trusty, young Ross Martin, a newly enrolled Junior Club member enjoyed taking a turn in the ring. J. Bodington riding his 1969 Pattison cricket pitch roller, 'Best Static Horticultural Display' won by Mel and Jim Wakefield, Fred Rudd riding his 1954 Trusty to the ring.



Horses and Steam,



Always a great attraction, the majestic Shire horses and steamers. In the ring, Derek Spanton's 16 year old Herbie Acle Ryan, used to doing much brewery work and 'Working Days' pulling a cultivator. Behind, in full show harness, David & Angela Hardiman's 19 year old Ryesgate Robbie. Below left, on his 2nd time out, 13 month old Acle Solomon with owner/handler Heidi Allen.

Centre page: R. Barker with his winning Burrell 4.5", bought as a non-runner in 2004. He spent 18 months restoring it to running order and rallied in 2006 for the first time.

Right: Jenny (the driver) & Peter (the steersman) Copeman won Best Steamer with their 1901 Marshal Convertable TA 2434 that they have owned for 3 years. It was once used for thrashing and sawing wood in Scotland.



Cars, Motorbikes and Bygones

Left: 'Best Commercial won by Philip Horn's 1971 Austin Pick Up.

Right: Shell Tankard for Best Motorbike won by George Rook's 1964 Triumph 5.

below right: Colin & Anne Klynn won Best Classic Car with their 1902 Bartholamew.

Completely original and the only one in existence it was built to be pulled by a horse and later converted to engine power. Top speed of 12mph it has completed the London to Brighton once in six tries.

Left: Ted Gray answers questions about his petrol cans from interested members of the public, farmers Bill and Tom Lewis.



Celebrating NVTEC-EA Group's 40th Anniversary

Tractor Steward, Reg Fletcher and Gordon conspired to gather some of the tractors that were exhibited in the early NVTEC-EA group rallies. Here are some rare examples which made a wonderful display.

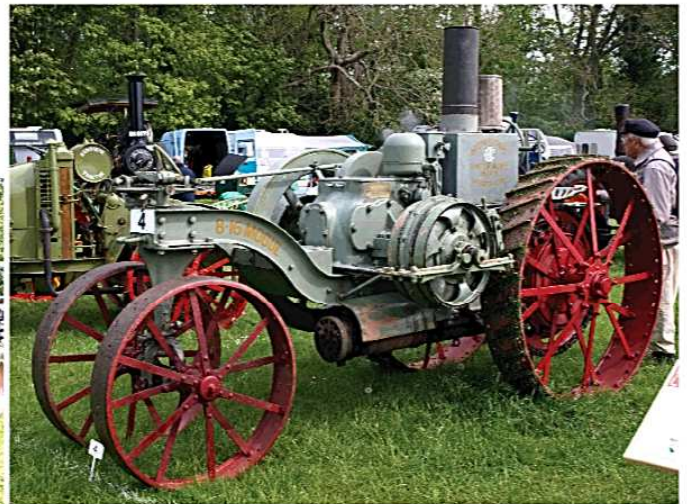
Right: An unrestored 1917 Whiting Big Bull 12/24hp USA featured at the NVTEC-EA group's first rally in 1974 it is believed to be the first tractor to work in Heacham. Now owned by Nick Ewer it is to remain unpainted.



Left: In line, a 1916 Sanderson & Mills G owned by R. Holt in memory of Mr W. Wykes and a 1916 International 8.16 kerosene owned by M. Patrick



Below: A 1916 International Mogul 8.16 owned by C. Leader



Left: A 1919 Austin R which won 'NVTEC-EA Class Award for Best Tractor Any Make 1900-1929' and below left: a 1919 Titan International Junior 8.16 Harvester both owned by the West family, David, Oliver and Austin.



Three Samson's in a row, possibly for the first time in this country Allan Sale's 1920 Samson model M 4 cylinder 2 speed, Bryan Beba and Gordon Carson's 1917 model 6-12 single cylinder straight petrol then Gerald Gregory's 1916 Sieve Grip model 12-25





A 1927 USA Wallis 20-30 owned by M. Robinson with a Massey Harris No:20 two horse hoe



A 1923 Fiat 703 owned by R. Desborough

Below: A 1929 Rumley 20-30 owned by Leslie Clark won NVTEC-EA Commemorative Shield. There are very few Rumley's about now. Allis Chalmers took over in 1931. Bought from Ebay and shipped over from Iowa at a cost of £2,500 in 2007 it has had new piston rings and head gasket. Leslie lives in Sussex and Gordon invited him to attend Stradsett so we are pleased that made the 160 miles journey to be at our show.



Peterbro's owned by Mr Desborough



Above: An Allis Chalmers owned by N.Ayres
right:1935 Farmall F12 owned by R.Parcell



Stationary Engines



Left: Aaron Smith won 'Best Junior Engine Restored' with his Fairbanks Morse Dishpan 1.5hp

Right: Sam Brown won the 'Norfolk Cup for Best Junior Engine' with his 1900's Bamford Mill, driven by a 1943 Lister D which he's had for 3 years.



Below right: Ricky Kemp won the 'Thompson Trophy for the Engine the Judges would most like to own' with his 1914 Root an Vanderoot 1hp petrol engine. Ricky restored it over last winter and has won each time out this year.

Below: Paul Carroll won 'Best Powered Use of an Engine' first time out with his 1922 1.5hp International 'M' which he bought recently from retired rallier, Brian Wood. The engine was used to drive a Danish RSM high pressure orchard sprayer.



5 year old Freddie and 9 year old Holly Young with their 1941 Lister F driving a 1947 Bamford pump



Shane Marrows won the Jack Beeken Cup for Best Stationary Engine with his Ruston Hornsby 2VTH which he restored together with Jimmy Rudd. The engine worked for 25 years in a vegetable processing factory and this was its first time on the rally field



Tractor Winners



B. Nelson won Foft Trophy for Best Ferguson



A. Wilkin won trophy for Best Restored International Tractor



Gordon Carson won the Peter Clarke Trophy Best Concourse Tractor with his 1954 Turner Yeoman series 3



M. Osborne won Best Restored Fordson with his 1947 Fordson E27N



Charles Heading won Best tractor any make 1940-49 with his 1948 Case S



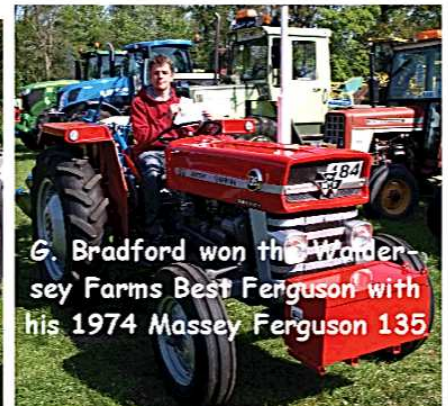
T. Fleming won Best John Deere with his 1951 John Deere B



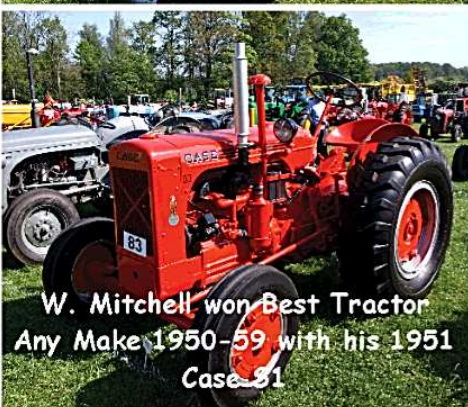
B. Ward won the Patt Farr Trophy for his 1950 Fim Marshall SE



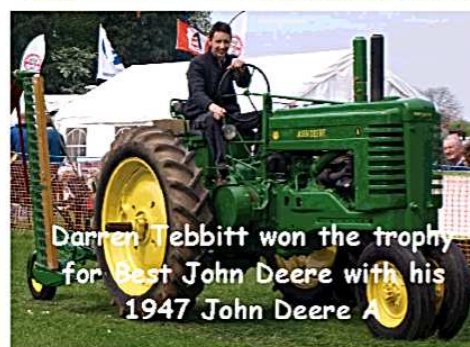
J. Harrison won the S.K. Rud Memorial Cup for Best Restored Tractor 1960 onwards



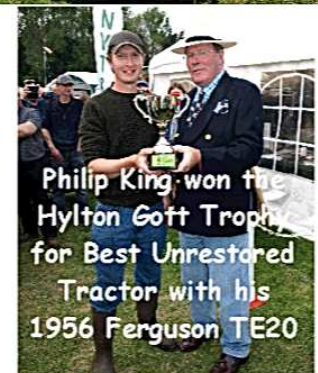
G. Bradford won the Waddesey Farms Best Ferguson with his 1974 Massey Ferguson 135



W. Mitchell won Best Tractor Any Make 1950-59 with his 1951 Case 81



Darren Tebbitt won the trophy for Best John Deere with his 1947 John Deere A



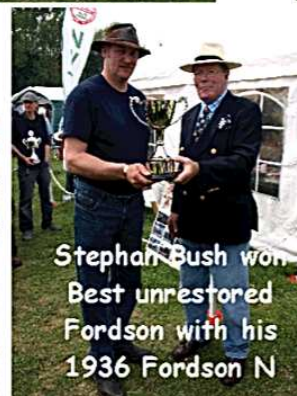
Philip King won the Hylton Gott Trophy for Best Unrestored Tractor with his 1956 Ferguson TE20



Bryan Bowler won Best Unrestored International Tractor with his 1957 Farmall F235D



Mr. Wilkin won Best Restored International Tractor with his 1959 B275 H.C



Stephan Bush won Best unrestored Fordson with his 1936 Fordson N



Ashley Kidd won NVTEC-EA Award for Best Tractor with his 1939 Fordson N

Junior Club



Left: Finley Creasey above on his granddad's 1950 Minneapolis Moline RTS



Right: Harvey Rutterford on V. Bakers 1967 Nuffield 465



Right: Aaron Robinson on V. Baker's 1967 Nuffield 465



Left: Harry Rayner on Matthew Hoy's 1964 International B414



Left: Joshua Bird on his Gt Uncle Gordon Carson's 1954 Turner Yeoman series 3. This tractor was at the first NVTEC-EA group rally in 1974



Below left: John Robinson on L. Rudd's 1965 David Brown 770

Right: Freddie Withers on Darren Tebbitt's 1947 John Deere A

Bygones

Alan & Angela Oglesby won Best Bygone with their 1922, 2.25hp Laundry Display which came from the Lord Fairfax house, Appleton Roebuck, Yorkshire



So Much To See



Stradsett embroidered banners were given to selected exhibitors by section stewards to commemorate our club's 40th anniversary.

Blacksmith Rob Caley demonstrating his skills.

Winstones Cotswold Icecream with their beautiful van did a roaring trade.



The Allis Chalmers Club displayed a 1969 D21 series 2 turbocharged owned by P. Fincham, Left: The 2-tone paint of the 1967 Allis Chalmers Depthomatic owned by Matthew Waters is purely to make it look attractive. I learnt that the Allis U was the first tractor to have pneumatic wheels and holds the land speed record of 67.8 mph in the USA 1930's by an American racing driver.



A 1949 Ferguson TEA20 fitted with a MUE-20 high lift banana loader caught the eye of the judges. Owned by B. Nelson



Left: A delight particularly for young ones, Tony Moulton's display of Model Steam Engines.

Below right: Harry, 4 1/2 and Jack 21 months old enjoying a ride. The exhibitor donated £27 to the club.

Below left: Richard Pike driving 1960 Lanz Alldog that belonged to the late Arthur Vincent.



THANKS TO ALL FOR SUNBAKED STRADSETT RALLY

Stradsett Park Vintage Rally 2013 was brilliant and we really didn't think we could top it. However, the entries for 2014 just kept on coming in and with a much larger rally field and ample camping area we thought "great, no problem" and kept booking them in. The sun was shining on us from about lunchtime on the Friday and the exhibitors and trade, etc. rolled in and I will admit there were times when we were thinking "surely there can't be many more to come" but they kept coming. We had a few teething problems with the vintage car parking and a few small gate problems but generally the weekend could not have gone any better if we could have booked it.

This year we were up on the gate by about 30% which was magnificent. I really can't thank everyone enough; everyone was absolutely brilliant. Many of the club members, 'Friends of Stradsett' and committee members turned up night after night to set up and take down and then worked rigorously all over the weekend - you just could not have asked them to do any more. Then, of course, there were all the many exhibitors with some magnificent exhibits from all over the country as far away as Canterbury and Stoke-on-Trent, etc. I would especially like to thank all the exhibitors as they are 'the show'.

The section stewards had their work cut out this year but they all just took it in their stride; no fuss, no hassle, just worked together as a team and got on with it. I, myself was very proud to be part of the team.

The steam engines and heavy horses fitted as if they had always been part of the show, so well done to Matthew. Reg; well he definitely went all out with the sugar beet harvesting display - I thought it was fantastic. Clive and Julie put on a superb display of stationary engines and working exhibits whilst Judy and Ian filled what was left of the rally field with a superb display of cars, commercials and motor cycles - no space was left unfilled.

Ted again gave us a good variety of and I quote 'interesting and different' trade stands (Ann Greeves) whilst I was in charge of the catering, fairground, ex-military and entertainment. The catering coped better this year even with the high numbers of visitors.

I did under-estimate the marvellous display of military vehicles from private people and the Norfolk Military Vehicle Group - this was one of the best I had seen but was a bit tight for space, so well done to them for bearing with us and putting on their display. Again no fuss, they just worked it out themselves, so thanks for that.

Last year we set up the 'Friends of Stradsett' Group and this year again they proved to be invaluable. With the entrance gate being so busy we had to have four people on the majority of the day and the

Roger Coe, Malcolm Bush, Sir Jeremy Bagge, Francis Earl, Denzel Mayes, Newman Smith, Basil Whiting, Tony Saunders, Reg Matless, Fred Rudd and Jimmy Ayres all were involved in the early years of NVTEC-EA group

rest of the time they were helping with stewarding the exhibits in and out the ring, etc.

The car parking this year was again extremely busy and the 42F Air Training Corps lead by Pauline Petch working their socks off both days. There were times when we were wondering where we were going to put everybody, but it was managed to perfection.

Onto the Vintage Tractor display and I think there was something for everyone with tractors from 1916 onwards. You really didn't know where to look first. I helped arrange the 3 Samson tractors to be there starting with Gerald Gregory's Samson Model 12-25 Sieve Grip 1916 4 cylinder straight petrol. Then our 1917 Model 6-12 Sieve Grip single cylinder straight petrol and then Allan Sale from Stoke-on-Trent with his 1920 model M 4 cylinder 2 speed straight petrol. This is possibly the first time ever that 3 different Samson tractors have ever been at the same rally in this country, so thank you to all involved.

The Information Centre organised by Viv Gray was again a major asset to both the club and the rally. A display celebrated the club's 40th Anniversary and past activities, attracting much interest. Looked after by some of the committee and the 'Friends of Stradsett' they were busy all weekend with 12 new members and 3 Junior Club members joining and club clothing on sale. The Information Centre is a big help to visiting public to get a feel of what the NVTEC-EA is all about.

The beer marquee provided by UK Bars did a grand job and with the duo, Perfect Vintage performing on Sunday afternoon, Sunday evening and Monday afternoon, the public and exhibitors seemed to be having a great time. New this year was the Sunday night Hog roast which seemed to go very well.

I just cannot thank everyone personally but I must just say what a fantastic horticultural display we had. Jim and Mel Wakefield organised this and was it was stunning. Everyone seemed to go the extra mile so thank you all for your dedication and support.

Lastly I must thank Sir Jeremy and Lady Bagge for the use of their superb setting without which there could be no rally.

The proceeds of this year's rally will go to Tapping House and will be presented at our AGM on 20th November.

Viv and Ted Gray have worked endlessly for the club and rally and that is clear to see just by reading this quarter's Vintage Torque and Stradsett Supplement. Probably the best in the country - so please read and enjoy! Gordon Carson



Gordon Carson receiving the Peter Clarke Trophy for Best Concours Tractor from Sir Jeremy Bagge

