



Vintage Torque

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Wishing You a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
with Good Health and Great Rallying in 2015



Sandringham Game & County Show 2014



Putting on a display takes a lot of fore-thought and preparation which is exactly what Matthew Hoy did and it certainly showed with this impressive presentation at Sandringham of LawnBoy mowers dating from the 1960's to 1980's. Matthew has worked for LawnBoy at Downham Market for 17 years and has been a member of our club for 7 years, serving on the committee for the last 3 years.



Once again the weather was kind to us at Sandringham and the public enjoyed a great show with something for everyone. Ted had his petrol can display on a corner plot of the engine line and, as usual it was undecided whether the dogs had more attention or Ted's collection. Clive and Julie Richardson organised an interesting display of stationary engines and provided awards for exhibitors selected by a member of the public. Gary Pearson's display won 1st prize with his 1914 Amanco Farm Hand 4 hp acquired 14 years ago and gradually restored, driving a saw bench. Its first time out was at Hilgay this year and 3rd

time out at

Sandringham. Jane and Keith Raines stewarded the tractor entries. Gordon is seen on the left in the ring with his 1949 John Deere model D.

Next to us in the line was Ken Pearman with his collection of Horse Brasses that he has gathered over the last 2 years. I find these very interesting and they take you back to the days when the heavy horse was very much part of everyday life before tractors came along. To see the heavy horse resplendent with an array of brasses is a rare sight today. Each brass has its own distinctive shape and design. Full state harness reserved for the use of the sovereign, was made in royal blue leather with silver plated brasses and was truly magnificent. With May Day being the most celebrated event of the rural year and agricultural shows, most men wished to reflect pride in their animals by grooming and decorating them with ribbons and brasses. The London Cart Horse Parade, first taking place in 1886 on Whit Monday was founded to improve the treatment of cart horses and is a chance to see these decorated equines.



Sandringham Game & Country Show



above: Tony Bradfield received the 3rd award for his



David Moore has been an NVTEC-EA group member for 2 years. He is seen here with a 1921 Amanco, owned for 6 months prior to being unused for 10 years, a 1944 Bamford EG1 found in a barn a year ago, running an Atlas Mill. Also a Bentall farm cake breaker run by a 1940



left: Chris Martins with his 1932 Ruston Hornsby 8 hp that he has owned for 30 years.



right: Peter Martin with his wife and their 1940 Stuart Turner P4 running a H2 Water Pump.



Encouraging the 'young ones.'

It was great to see Mathews nephew Harry (see above) being allowed to drive his 1972 wheel horse C81 ride on lawn mower around the ring (supervised by Mathew). Harry is just 9 years old but is very interested and I am sure we will all agree we need to encourage the younger ones but with health and safety it is not easy however we must work on it. I believe we should all play our part in encouraging the younger enthusiast, if we don't who is going to preserve all these great things. Thank you to Keith and Jane Raynes for putting on a great display. *Gordon.*

right: Junior Club member Finley Creasey on Matthew Hoy's



Sandringham Game & Country Show continued



The 1917 Whiting Big Bull featured at NVTEC-EA group's first rally in 1974, owned



Graham Allen with his 1957 SFV Vierzin 201 a French Tractor, hot bulb, single cylinder, semi



Left: Mr Peter Dolman with his Burwell 1965 Benetulliere Multi-plex 412 which was designed and built in the vineyards of the Beaujolais region of France. The side winch enabled hand steered implements to be pulled up the steep slopes between the rows of grape vines. This particular model was powered by a Renault 8



In the ring parade Matthew Hoy driving Gordon Carson's 1939 4 cylinder side valve Case, one of two survivors.

Jim and Mel Wakefield continued the 'lawn mowing' theme next in line to Matthew Hoy with their display of lawn edgers, a 1933 push lawn mower, 2 1960's Mayfield Merlins and a range of mid 30's sicklebar cutters, all in working order.

They would like to make the following announcement.

Reduction Sale of the Jim Wakefield Collection

Forthcoming auction of Horticultural Equipment - Auctioneer to be Barry Hawkins date to be announced possible March/April 2015.

To be held at Hawkins sale room Downham Market.



Above: Peter Clarke with his 1953 Porsche Junior followed by Godfrey Duggan with his 1953 Bautz AS122 single cylinder imported into UK 6 years ago. Primarily used in Vineyards and smallholdings.

Right: John Loveday with his 1946 Lister D running a Criquet Corn Mill. John and his wife



Earls Barton Rally & Country Fayre



A 1922 International M type 3hp driving a Bentall Corn



Brenda and Lawrie Hammond have been married for 51 years and have been rallying since 1970 attending around 15 rallies each year. They were originally members of the Kent NVTEC and were our first Country Members. Since the demise of the Kent group they have become full members of our club. Seen here at Earls Barton with their 1939 Ruston Hornsby that was found in a farm



1915 Rawleigh 1.5hp owned by Russel Greensmith who has been a member of our club for 25 years, attending around 22

Ralph Thompson is seen on the right with his 1944 Ruston Hornsby and sheeo shearing set.

Below: Wally Smith with his 1922 Amanco owned for 9 years, Donna Greensmith with her 1916 Amanco that was totally restored by Andy Cannellseen next with his 1913 USA Manard model 6

He also has turned a gavel and block from



Earls Barton Rally continued



There is always something different that attracts me at Earls Barton and this year it was an awning display next to us of Gollies. Lilian and Mick Shelton have been collecting these appealing Gollies for 25 years and have a variety of different ones from hand-made knitted ones to commercially produced ones that you may remember from your younger days when James Robertson & Sons used 'Golly' as their mascot. Apparently John Robertson saw children playing with their gollywog dolls in America in 1910 and the idea arose to produce promotional Golly badges and small plaster figures playing musical instruments or playing sports or other such themes which could be exchanged for tokens gained from purchasing their products. In 1983 the company's products were boycotted by the Greater London Council as being offensive and in 1988 the character ceased to be used in TV advertising. The badge scheme

Raymond Mason aged 80 years and his son Robert run The Old Forge in Peterborough. They bring their great display each year to Earls Barton Rally along with their Rottweiler dog Ralphie who made friends with our dog Brynley. The display includes 8 machines all run by a 1942 Lister CS including 2 grinders, a generator, a blower on the forge, a power hammer, a



Jimmy Rudd stopped me at Earls Barton to show me the trophy that Shane Marrows received at Narborough Village fete for his Ruston Hornsby 2 VTH. What an amazing example of skill to produce this wooden replica of a Lister. There

Ancient Forests Give Rise to Bog Oak

You may be familiar with this story about our natural history but just to refresh your memory...read on.

Many thousands of years ago the East Anglian fenland was very densely forested by gigantic oak, pine and yew trees. About 7,000 years ago a rise in the sea level from melting glaciers caused the rivers to back up and flood the fen basin. The trees died and fell into the silt of the forest floor and many have been preserved in anaerobic conditions. As the Fenland peat dries out and ploughing is undertaken, it is not unusual for one or two 'bog oaks' to be encountered and in some areas several have been found. It is thought that the preserved trees can have a branchless length in excess of one hundred feet giving a hint at the colossal grandeur and density of these forests. Some give the appearance of having just been felled while others are coloured blue or dark red from the minerals they have absorbed. In 2012 it was reported that a 44foot Fenland Black Bog Oak was found buried in farmland at Methwold Hythe. Ask Denzel Mayes. Hailed as special because it was intact and it was thought to be just a section of the original tree. The wood is regarded as one of the rarest forms of timber in England, equal to some of the world's most expensive tropical hardwoods.

Ted Maile was fortunate to acquire some off-cuts from a carbon-dated 5,000 year old bog oak and using his self taught skills he turned



Blue Force 1,000

On 28th & 29th June, Blue Force held a one off show at the Newark Show Ground, the aim of which was to get 1,000 Ford/Fordson tractors at the show. We could only attend on the Sunday due to other commitments so we arrived at about 8:00am and soon got unloaded with the 1943 Fordson Standard N fitted with a Perkins L4 by Mr Fred Rudd from Heacham Norfolk. Fred often reminds me that in changing that engine he gave himself a hernia. Next we had the 1959 straight petrol Ford Workmaster 641 with its red chassis and tin work and grey wheels it certainly stood out in a crowd of blue Fords. The Ford Workmaster is very similar to the Fordson Dexta. On the back we had a fully restored Ransome potato moulder.

There were some other club members there but none more well known to the East Anglian Club than John Moulis from Gedney with his 1975 Ford 7000 which he has owned from new and still works on the same farm. This tractor has done just over 8,000 hours and the only things it has had done to it is a new clutch, new water pump, new seal in the back end and the lift adjusted.

John Moulis' wife is Bryan Beba's cousin with her dad Arthur Beba being brother to Bryan's dad Ralf Beba. John Moulis has been on the NVTEC-EA Group committee for over 20 years and is probably best known for being the steward in charge of the cars, motorcycles and commercials at our club's Stradsett Park Vintage Rally. Whilst John is still on the committee Judy Webb has now taken over that section.



There was a fantastic display of some great old Fords. Colin Holwell commented saying what other make of tractors could put together such a vast display. The display included Fordson model F's from 1917 - 1928, Model N's from 1929---1945, E27Ns from 1945 - 1952, Fordson Majors from 1951 - 1964, Fordson Dexta's from 1957 - 1964, the Ford 6X 1000 Series from 1964 - 1968, the Ford 6Y Series from 1968 -



Tracks Charity Ploughing at Foulsham North Elmham



What a grand start to the Day, glorious sunshine, which brought so many people out to see the grand display of vintage crawlers and steel wheel tractors. Such a variation! We had 3 Allis Chalmers model M's 5 Track Marshalls models 50, 55 and 70, 1 Fowler 440, 3 Cat D4, 2 Cat D 2, 1 Bristol 25, 3 David Brown 30TD, 2 50TD, 6 Internationals 2, T6, 3 TO6, TO8, TD14, TD20, 1 Allis model U steel wheel, 1



International Harvester steel wheel. This was our 7th year of the event and with great generosity we raised to date £1951.92 which makes a record. Over the years we've raised £9,886.28 which has all gone to the Big C Centre at Norfolk and Norwich University



The view on board with Malcolm Bush on Terry Myhill's TD8 International

Hospital.

Firstly we thank the landowner Mr C. Bidwell and Mr A. Seaman and all the helpers whom we could not do without, but mostly the drivers and the public. *Next years*



Pensthorpe Vintage Fair

The 4th & 5th of October saw the return of Pensthorpe Vintage Fair for its 3rd year



Saturday morning started off with fine weather. Exhibits included a colourful selection of gypsy caravans just inside the gate, a spinning display with Alpachas on show which were walked through the fair for people to see. Moving along the roadway there were horticultural exhibits, East Coast Truckers and bygone displays with the bar at the end. On the main field a steam racksaw demonstration cutting logs, a varied selection of Miniature Steam, Cars, Tractors, Lorries, Stationary Engines, various bygone displays

and trade stands. The two designated charities for this year event were Guide Dogs for the Blind and Pact Animal Sanctuary who both had stalls at the event. By Saturday afternoon the weather had turned to heavy rain but despite this we still managed to round up enough tractors for our usual road run around Fakenham and the event was closed at approx 4pm.

Sunday we woke to a foggy morning but as the early morning progressed the sun broke through and bright sunshine was the order of this autumn day. Lorries from the Jack Richards collection adding to the collection already on the field and the arrival of approximately 110 cars on the Sunday morning to join the weekend exhibitors meant the field was filled to capacity. Among the cars were a number of local classic vehicle clubs and a MG Magnettes Club that were visiting the area from Kent who joined us for the day. On walking around the event there was a wide range of exhibits to be seen including a collection of Invalid carriages, Petrol Cans, Sewing through the Ages, Hot Air Engine and a large collection of Vintage Caravans including members of the Wisbech Vintage Caravan Club. Exhibits also included Chainsaw Carving. Wood Turning and Blacksmith Demonstrations



A Christmas Poem by Graham Turner



Christmas dawn breaks
With snow all a round
The child's still asleep
So there isn't a sound
Santa has been
There's presents we see
Placed all in neat piles
And put under the tree
The boy he awakes
And raises his head
To find a full stocking
At the base of his bed
He opened the stocking
And presents he's seen
So he runs down the stairs
Shouting mummy he's been
He runs down the hall
And he burst through the door
To see all his presents
Laid out on the floor
Mum and dad wake
They come down bleary eyed
As the lad opens presents
To see what's inside
The presents lay opened
He has all he would like
With a toy gun and some sweets

Reg Clements Memorial Ploughing Day at Somersham Fen



On the 2nd November we were travelling through the Fens, a blackened sky following our every turn. We knew the weather was going to have its say on the days' ploughing. On arrival it was no surprise that the field resembled a mud bath. The heavens opened not long after we arrived delaying our walk around the field, With the heavy shower over and boots on off we went. The headland was very muddy making in/out of the plot difficult for the drivers and for the visitors. Considering the weather there was a good turn out. Professionals and not so professional ploughed their plots. It was heavy and sticky going at times but they got them finished. Garden tractors were also present. Our club was represented by Dave Buttris and Jim and Mel Wakefield and in main ploughing Gavin Chapman and Daniel Mycock

ploughed well on their Fergusonsons.

All in all, despite the damp start to the day it stayed dry for the most and all proceeds were given to the Arthur Rank Hospice in memory of Reg Clements. Reg loved his Massey Fergusonsons and a trophy was pro-



Norwegians Visit the NVTEC-EA Group in the Fens

On 26th May I received an email from a group of farmers from Norway who were travelling to England for the cereals show on 11th & 12th June. They asked if our club had any activities as they are interested in and collect vintage tractors. They also asked if we were free on Friday 13th June so I arranged a full day for them to enjoy. We met at Bryan Beba's at Fence Bank in Walpole Highway before travelling a short distance to Herbert Engineering at Marshland St James where I had arranged a visit. We were greeted by Glen Burt who is the technical sales engineer who has been at the company for over 17 years as well as Simon Cleere who is also from sales. We all signed in and got our Hi-Vis jackets, ear plugs and safety glasses before going to have a coffee and a short introduction to the company from Glen. Myself and Bryan have known of Herbert Engineering for over 30 years and Bryan used to deal with them but even though we only live a few miles away we did not realise the extent of what they do. Herbert Engineering is a privately owned family run business with personal commitment to product quality and customer satisfaction. Their main headquarters and manufacturing facility is based at Marshland St James in East Anglia with a satellite sales and marketing office in Eindhoven, Netherlands. The company employs over 150 people and with an annual turnover of £15- £20 million they really do mean business. Rod Herbert founded the company in about 1971 and has now bought back the second potato multi grader he ever built and we are hoping to feature this next year at our Stradsett Park Vintage Rally on the 3rd and 4th May 2015 as our theme will be potatoes so this would fit in perfectly. When we think of Herbert Engineering we straight away think of potato grading equipment but believe me they do much more. Their graders and washers are suitable for potatoes, carrots, parsnips, onions and citrus fruits however away from the agricultural side they are a big manufacturer of airport scanners and baggage handlers. After a tour around the factory they laid on a buffet lunch and whilst we were enjoying this Nick Herbert, the managing director, came back in their Cessna 310 Airplane which is owned and used by the company. If they need a part or engineer somewhere urgently they can send their own plane. You don't get service much better than that. Nick came and had a chat with us all so I would like to thank them all for their fantastic hospitality and for giving up their time for us all. We also got to see them building the biggest power washer they have ever built. This 6m long x 1.5m diameter all stainless steel washer is going to Canada and can put 75 ton per hour through the drum which is belt driven. In fact it looks similar to a cam belt but for ease of maintenance the shaft is split and the use of Coopers split roller bearing from Kings Lynn makes the belts easy to replace if necessary.

After this superb informative tour we then travelled back to Walpole Highway to visit H Melton and Sons. Clive and Andrew Melton are one of the largest farmers/contractors in the area with some of the latest farming equipment and techniques. I worked for Clive back in the early 80's and have



some great memories of my time on the farm. The majority of their equipment came from their local John Deere dealer Doubleday at St Germans as they told us they always receive a superb service. Doubleday are also sponsors of our Stradsett Park Vintage Rally and have their stand there showing all their small items such as lawn mowers etc. H Melton and Sons spray over 3,800 hectares of maze alone each year which with the aid of an anaerobic digester it is used to generate electricity. They run a fleet of three sprayers with each sprayer covering more than 10,000 hectares each year.

Guess Who!

The man behind the mask....Alan Whiteman, shown here at Sandringham. Did you guess cor-



At Doubledays New Machinery Open Day in September. Malcolm was reunited with the John Deere 5010 that he used to drive in the late 70's at G.W.Towler's farm, St Germans.



AGM Report & Presentation

On 20th November at Ryston Park Golf Club members gathered for the Annual General Meeting of NVTEC-East Anglia Group. The Chair Henry Howlett gave his thanks to the committee for their work with a special mention to Gordon and Matthew. He thanked Sir Jeremy and Lady Bagge for hosting another successful rally at Stradsett. There followed Ted Gray's comprehensive report on the past years' club activities. The accounts were presented by Gordon Carson on behalf of Jayne Carson, showing a thriving financial outlook. Chris Hunt gave her membership report showing no rise in fees for the coming year and appealed for everybody to encourage new members. The committee were re-elected and two new members were proposed and seconded, Andrew Bennett and Alan Whiteman.

A presentation of cheques was made for £15,000 to Norfolk Tapping House, received by Lindsey Atkin being the proceeds from our Stradsett Rally, £1600 to East Anglian Air Ambulance received by Chris Donaldson being the proceeds from the Road Run and raffle, and £2,000 to St Marys



NVTEC-EA Support the Robin Hood Game and Country Show

At the beginning of September I was contacted by Mathew Upson, who is the event organiser for the Robin Hood Game and Country Show. He asked if our club was interested putting on a vintage display at the show which was to be held the weekend of 11th and 12th October at the Suffolk Showground. Although it was short notice I asked some of our members who were more than happy to attend. Dave Buttriss brought along three Ransome Crawlers: a 1944 MG5, a 1954 MG5 petrol/TVO and a 1955/6 MG6 petrol/TVO. Peter Rash displayed a 1967 3 cylinder Massey Ferguson 135, reg: GER 786E fitted with a nice cab. John and Debbie Mutton brought along a 1958 diesel Massey Ferguson Grey/Gold FE35, reg: HEB 42 and their 1957 petrol/paraffin Ferguson FE35, reg: WPW 942. Peter Clarke showed off his 1959 Porsche Diesel Junior tractor Type 108, serial number: L22904 with a single cylinder diesel engine. Ivan Smith displayed 2 stationary engines; a 1928 2hp Fairbanks-Morse owned by his son, Aaron Smith, and was fitted with Disk Pan Flywheels. It ran and looked superb. The second engine was Ivan's 1922 Petter Junior Series 1 oil engine, no: 1077. Jim and Mel Wakefield put on a display of horti-

cultural machinery. Mel was said to have always wanted a Ferrari so Jim was kind enough to buy her one. Mel is pictured on her Ferrari T72 diesel tractor which was built in 1980 and has 14hp. I am not sure that is quite what Mel had in mind but it will certainly teach her to be more specific in the future. Jim and Mel also displayed several smaller items and their 1939 MG2 Ransome crawler. Mathew Hoy helped out over the weekend and displayed a 1972 eight speed wheel horse C81. Myself and Bryan displayed a 1944 John Deere model BR, reg: 405 XUG, a two cylinder petrol TVO, 4 speed hand clutch tractor. We also took the 1954 Turner Yeoman of England series 3, reg: NEW 462. This fully restored tractor is fitted with a V4 diesel engine and runs very well. This tractor will be going to the Malvern Hills in March next year to be part of a big Turner display at the Tractor World Show on the 14th and 15th March 2015 so don't miss it.

We were positioned alongside the main ring so not only did we have a great view of the fantastic events going on but there was a terrific interest in the club's display of vintage machinery.



Chairman's Chat

Now that the clocks have changed and the dark evenings have arrived early it is time to reflect on the summer sunshine and Stradsett Rally and it's continuing success. Again grateful thanks for all who helped in any way.

On our annual visit to Sandringham Rally we went in search of a new hat for me for my daughter's wedding which took place the following week. We scoured all the trade stands and came up trumps!! After a welcome cup of tea and a more welcome sit-down at Ted and Viv's caravan I set off to visit our members and visitors. Judging by all

accounts everyone was quite relaxed and enjoying the occasion. It is for myself a rally where there is very little pressure unless the hay needs baling at home!!!!



I would like to give special thanks to all the stewards of our club for their hard work and diligence. There must be a special mention for Matthew Hoy's display of Lawnboy equipment which you can see on the front page of this issue.



I now need to let you know that in response to our request Sir Jeremy Bagge has agreed to be our

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WANTED: Good woman, must be able to cook and have own tractor. Please send pictureof tractor.

Membership Matters

Its renewal time and there are no fee increases for 2015
Enclosed with this edition of Vintage Torque is your membership renewal form complete with guidance notes.

Please note that all memberships

(excluding the Junior Club)

date from 1st January to 31st December even if you joined mid-year.

Also, if you have changed your address I do need to know
Wishing you a Happy Christmas & New Year see you in 2015.

Any problems give me a ring or contact me by email



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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.

Black Baseball Caps:£6, Polo Shirts, short/long
sleeves,£11 & £15, Sweat shirts, new colours:£15, Over-
alls, zip or stud fastenings:£18/£17 Fleece Gilets:£20,
Fleece Jackets: £25, Black Shower proof fleece-lined
Jackets £25. padded body warmers £18, Shell Jackets,
light and warm, 3 colours £40

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or for people to find us on Facebook they can
simply enter this in the address bar:

facebook.com/StradsettRally

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Festive Greetings From Your Rally Organiser



Hello everybody,

Well where has 2014 gone? It's just flown by but what a year it has been for our club!

We have really had great support for the club stand this year starting back in January at the LAMMA Show. We again attended the Malvern indoor tractor world show in Worcestershire and won several trophies.

We then had our Road Run which went very well so thanks to David Askew for all his help. Then we won 'Best Stand' at the Eastern Counties Spectacular with special thanks to Matthew Hoy for organising it.

We were then asked to put on a display at Dobbie's Garden Centre at Kings Lynn and with such short notice we had great support.

Then came our clubs' main event where other than a few teething problems with the new layout we had a fantastic weekend and I thank you all for your support and co-operation.

Myself with the superb support of the committee will keep striving to improve what you have all helped to make a magnificent event.

After Stradsett we all went our own ways for the rally season. We were asked again at short notice to support the Robin Hood Game and Country show at Ipswich showground and again the support was great.

Lastly we again attended the Newark indoor show with the club stand and had great support from club members.

Myself and the committee are working hard on 2015 events so please keep restoring those great old machines and bring them out for us all to marvel at. As always you will find your 2015 Stradsett Rally entry form and your new membership form attached. Please return it to your steward as soon as possible and don't forget



Winter Meetings

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

December 18th: M.Wabe, 'Life in an 18th Century Gaol.'

January 15th: Steven Pope, 'A Victorian Farming Year'

February 19th: Steven Durrant, 'A slide Presentation of Wildlife Photography with

Summer Visit

May 16th 2015 to

The Gordon Easton Collection

More details to follow in the March Vintage

Holkham Country Fayre 25th & 26th July.
Now under new management. More infor-

Friends of Ferguson Heritage, Norfolk & Isle of Ely Group weekend break 4th-7th June 2015 staying at the Duke of Cornwall Hotel, Plymouth for 3 nights. Visits to Royal Navy Fleet Air Arms Museum £10, Cheddar Gorge £15, Eden Project £16, Mike Thorne Coldridge Collection, donation £5.

These are group booking prices. Cost of weekend including bed, breakfast and evening meal £220.

Tractor World at Malvern 14th & 15th March

New Year Tractor Club Dinner Dance 6:30pm Saturday 10th Jan 2015

This fantastic event will be held at the Wensum Valley Hotel Golf and Country Club, Beech Road, Tavenham, Norwich, Norfolk, NR8 6HP. Entertainment will be by Paula MacAskill who is an outstanding singer. This is a new night out to the NVTEC-EA although some of you already attend the event which is organised by the Starting Handle Club who we are joining up with. The tickets are only £25.00 per person and accommodation is available at £45.00 per person. This is limited so please do not miss out on a great night. Contact Gordon Carson on 01945 880091 or 07860 658767 to reserve your tickets now.

Starters

Homemade Winter Vegetable Soup

Smoked Salmon and Prawn Medley

Mains

Selection of Roast Meats from the Carvery:

Beef, Pork & Turkey

Desserts

Apple Crumble with Custard

Fruits of the Forest Cheesecake

Coffee and Mints

Editor

By the time you read this, winter may have arrived, but at the moment of writing it is so very mild that my tomatoes are still producing in the greenhouse! It's been a good year for home grown veg and for rallying and it's been lovely to see you all and have a chat. With the news letter, I hope I have made a few 'engine people' happy as well as the tractor people. I didn't realise you are such a shy lot!

The calendars are selling well with lots of your photos inside. If you would like one they cost £4. Unfortunately the size requires £2.80 postage so try to pick it up from me or at one of the Winter Meetings.

I have tried to include different photos and articles in the newsletter and I would be pleased to have your comments. Also, if you feel that I have missed you out make sure you jump in front of my camera next year and say 'oi, what about me.' Or send me a write-up and a photo, I'll find a place for it. To those who have contributed, thank you so much. A special mention here to Malcolm Bush. There wouldn't be anything to print without your input.

If you don't usually come to the Winter Meetings, try to

Newby Hall Tractor Fest & 26.2 mile Moon Walk

On Friday 6th June I, with my Wife Jayne and a group of 'Friends of Stradsett Rally' travelled the 162 miles to Newby Hall Tractor Fest where we camped overnight. The next day brought with it very heavy rain but this did not deter us from looking around this great show. This year the theme was single cylinder tractors and knowing the Ward's lived nearby and had recently imported the only other single cylinder Samson Sieve Grip 6 - 12 in Europe, we really wanted to take ours but unfortunately the commitments of the Moon Walk did not allow us to do so. I know and respect the rally organiser Richard Sturdy and must say what a fantastic display of tractors, Stationary engines, Vintage cars, Commercials, trade stands, club stands etc to look around. The site is an incredible place to host the rally and I felt for them all in the pouring rain. When the sun shines in a rally field full of people with the organs playing and generally everybody having a great time I can't think of a better place to be however when its pouring of rain with mud up to your ankles I can't think of a worst place to be. There were several people and tractors there I knew but not too many from our club. However Chris leader from Norwich had made the long journey with his single cylinder Mogul 8-16. This tractor was featured on our 2014 Stradsett flyers and programme.



After a late lunch we travelled to the Darlington train station where we caught the 5:10 train to Edinburgh arriving there at roughly 7:15pm for the Moon Walk. With the rain still pouring we were starting to get concerned. After finding a good pub for a bite to eat we headed down to Inverleith Park. Luckily the rain had stopped by the time we arrived at the park ready for the start. My wife Jayne, son Andrew, his fiancée Katie Newell, Maxine Else and Jan Mitchell were all doing the

Moon Walk whilst myself, Mark Setchfield and Nick Mitchell were all helping Marshall the event. They set off at 11:30pm on what was by then a wonderful moon lit night. Our group was marshalling mile 6 which was up in the hills so we had a great view of Edinburgh at night. Jayne, Maxine and Jan completed the 26.2 miles by 6:21am with Andrew and Katie crossing the line at 8:27am. They were all

Junior Club



The Junior Club is now entering its 2nd year and sponsors will be notified when it is time to renew membership. We welcome a new member:

Silas Hannant

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



Happy Birthday Wishes

To: Freddie Withers who was 5 years old on November 4th

Joshua Bird who was 5 years old on November 26th

Alfie Geddes-Green who will be 5 years old on January 11th

Harvey Mitchell-Crook who will be 5 years old on January 22nd

We'll see you again at Stradsett for your special invitation to 'sit on a tractor' and have your photograph taken.



Vintage Tractor Charity Road Run

Sunday
5th 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
*Supporting Registered
Charity East Anglian Air*



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
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