



VINTAGE TORQUE

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NVTEC-EA Group has Big Success at Newark 2014

Matthew Hoy, *pictured right*, with our club stand. Gordon is shown below with the 1944 John Deere Model BR owned by Bryan Beba and himself. This fully restored tractor won the top trophy in the programme, The Newark and Nottinghamshire Agricultural Society Trophy for the best vintage tractor restored to original manufacturer's specification. Another club member's sister, Ms Helen Mitchell won 3 trophies with her 1939 Case Rex. This petrol / TVO tractor in original condition brought in auction in 2013 won Best Case, best un-restored vintage tractor and best tractor entered by a lady. Another club member to win was Mr Mick Patrick with his International 8 / 16 Mogul built in 1917. See overleaf for full write-up and pictures



Hi Everybody,

Well here we are again and Stradsett Rally is now only a few weeks away. Preparations are well underway and our advertising campaign will soon begin.

Please ensure you get your forms in early as we are filling up fast and it is on first come first served basis.

Last year we had superb support for the rally and I can only ask for your continued support for 2105. Any rally organiser will agree that a rally is only as good as its exhibitors and their exhibits. So please bring them out and be proud that you are preserving the past for future generations to appreciate.

Don't forget to book if you would like the Sunday night hog roast. Last year's rally raised an amazing £17,000.00 for charity and we thank you all for your kind help and support.

I look forward to seeing you all again this year around the rallies and shows but none less than our own Stradsett Park Vintage Rally on Sunday 3rd and Monday 4th May.

Gordon Carson

Rally Organiser



39th Stradsett Park Vintage Rally

Sun 3rd & Mon 4th May 2015

10am to 5pm

Adults £5 - Children Free

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Newark Vintage Tractor & Heritage Show 2014

8th & 9th November 2014 I have attended all but one of the Newark Vintage Tractor Shows and over the past few years I have been attending by means of our club stand for the NVTEC – East Anglia Group. We have until this year been with most of the other NVTEC Clubs in the feature marque. When I heard we were going to be moved to the Stanley Sheldon hall I wasn't sure about the move but it was brilliant, good level concrete floor and no dripping condensation so thanks to the organizers.

Mathew Hoy along with other club members arrived on Thursday so had their exhibits set up by the time I arrived on Friday morning. With many hands we soon got unloaded and set up. With a new central position it gave us new opportunities and ideas.

Terry Myhill travelled over 100 miles on a tractor and low-loader to bring his 1970 international 634 and Malcolm Bush's 1942 John Deere Model L. This tractor was used on playing fields for many years in Cornwall. Long standing club member

Basil Whiting brought a long superb display of makers name plates. Ricky Kemp displayed two of his restored engines a 1914 Root and Vandervoort R Series which is believed to be the only one known and a Ruston Hornsby PT 1937.

John Mitchell showed off his McCormick International Farmall Model A fitted with a Cornish & Lloyds beat hoe from Bury St Edmunds. Built in 1941 this tractor was imported to the UK under the lease / lend agreement as was our 1941 John Deere Model B 2 cylinder petrol / TVO tractor.

On the Thursday morning when we were loading it up, 80 year old Mr Peter Moules from Long Sutton came along to watch. Peter worked for Beba & sons for over 50 years. Reg JL 8019 this tractor has been at the same farm all its life. Stuart Bailey displayed his first class restoration of his 1946 Fordson Major E27N. This restoration was completed in 2006 and still looks great today.

My good friend Mathew Hoy really went the extra mile with his unique Lawn Boy display. Mathew works for Lawn Boy at Downham Market but the work and effort that goes into putting on such a display is amazing so really well done Mathew.

Along with the John Deere Model B Bryan Beba and myself also took along the 1944 John Deere Model BR. This fully restored tractor won us the top trophy in the programme The Newark and Nottinghamshire Agricultural Society Trophy for the best vintage tractor restored to original manufacturer's specification. We were both shocked but accepted the trophy with pride and thanks to all involved. It does however seem a bit ironic to win with this tractor as this was Graces least favourite tractor and the only one she ever got on to Bryan for buying.

One of our club members sister really showed us how it was done, Ms Helen Mitchell displayed her 1939 Case Rex. This petrol / TVO tractor in original condition brought in auction in 2013 won not 1 but 3 trophies! Best Case, best un-restored vintage tractor and best



Newark Vintage Tractor Show continued

tractor entered by a lady so well done to her for putting her dad Terry and Brother Wayne right in their place.

Another club member to win was Mr Mick Patrick with his International 8 / 16 Mogul built in 1917. Mick Patrick has a superb collection of old original tractors and supports our club each year with skips for our Stradsett Park Vintage Rally held in May. Jim and Mel Wakefield were doing a great job of organizing the horticultural section.

The Saturday evening meal was very good and I thought very good value for money and with Bryan and Julie on our table we were well entertained.

As always we had a fantastic attendance over the weekend at the club stand. It was great to hear all comments about the rally and other club events held throughout the year. Thanks to all who came along to say hello and to all club members who supported the stand and helped over the weekend looking after it. See you all in 2015 at the shows and rallies.

Gordon Carson



Left: Ms Helen Mitchell's 1939 Case Rex



Below: Stuart Bailey's 1946 Fordson Major Ricky Kemp's 1937 Ruston Hornsby John Mitchell's 1941 Farmall el A



West family's 8-16 Junior



Mick Patrick's 1917 Mogul winner



The West Family at The Reynolds Collection

ALBERTA AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM, WETASKIWIN, ALBERTA, CANADA

We have had the good fortune of visiting Mr. Stanley Reynolds before. He died a couple of years ago. During his life he traded in all manner of goods, based on his car sales business. He would take anything in part exchange or for cash.

Amongst these items were old cars and agricultural relics. This got him preserving his past by keeping the best items for himself. Once the collection bug had got him he kept all sorts of things, even small aeroplanes, as he had been a pilot in the Canadian Air Force during WW2. Story has it that he would go out flying over the Country Side spotting from the air old steam engines, trucks, cars and tractors, then visit the site to see if it was for sale. However he did amass a huge and extremely interesting collection of all things mechanical. Many of his purchases being very rare relics.



Later in his life he made an agreement with the Alberta Government to donate a large part of his collection to the Canadian Nation for them to put into a purpose built museum next to his property. This was done and opened whilst he was still with us and must have been a tremendous joy to him and his family.

The museum consists of a modern purpose built exhibition hall, showing a varied display of a period of time somewhere soon after World War One and up to World War Two. Most of the exhibits are recently restored and are changed from time to time, but the back drop and settings are more permanent. There are scenes of a grain storage plant, county garage etc.

The centre pieces are the Prairie Giants that broke up the central plains of North America with their gang ploughs working plots a mile square or more. The American method of ploughing was direct tractor towing a multi furrow plough, up to 10 furrows, each one let into the work independently by the ploughman. It must have been extremely rough going breaking virgin land covered in stone. Petrol must have been very cheap as these machines would be using gallons per hour.

On display the museum had a beautifully restored Emerson Brantingham Big 4 with 8 feet driving wheels and a Rumley 30-60, just a bit smaller. These machines being as big as our steam ploughing engines. These giants very quickly become redundant after the virgin sod had been broken. A new generation of small tractors sprung up from many manufacturers large and small. The museum has a couple of very rare Canadian made examples, one is a "Canadian", which we described before when we saw it at the World Ploughing Event. It has a wooden chassis and wheel spokes. The other a Goold-Shapley-Muir "Ideal", more a stationary engine on a chassis. It does not have a radiator but is hopper cooled. These machines are about 25 horse power and much more manageable and useful on the farm, they were just two of the many available from the U.S.A., including Waterloo Boy, International, Case, and Hart Parr.

The part of the museum we were lucky enough to visit by appointment was the stores where they have dozens of tractors and hundreds of other items in storage. Before entering the store we have to negotiate our way around the items stored outside. Many would say this is not preservation, or even being looked after as some of these items are extremely rare including a Case 30-60, a huge Pioneer 30-60, not quite so rare but very impressive, these and many other machines have stood out for most of their lives and although rust is not the problem in Canada that it is here, they are still slowly deteriorating. Many English made Steam Engines and a few early Marshall tractors were used in Canada. There is a Ruston Proctor traction engine stood out with a Marshall Colonial 4-cylinder tractor from 1910.

We can now enter the back door to an enormous shed packed full. We don't know where to look first, there are stationary engines tucked into corners

and under tractors. Some of course are as big as a tractor on their own wheels. With the limited time available these have to be overlooked in favour of the larger items. Some of these exhibits are run by the museum staff at open days and local shows. The intention is to restore one or two per year, even if only mechanically. There is a well equipped work shop on site where they undertake these restorations. Knowing which one to work on next would be the problem. Do you go for the worst condition or most original, or the one you like the most?

Currently they had the engine of a Holt 75 Crawler in pieces. Just as well each of the four blocks detaches from the crank housing separately as they must weigh 2cwt each. All of the items in store are eminently restorable as the museum only took the best of Stan Reynolds collection. His family still have fields of wrecks and scrap and parts.

This really is an Aladdin's Cave, with tractors of all shapes and sizes, from Case Model 'C' and many tractors of this size up to more of the monsters from Minneapolis, Altman Taylor, Avery, Rumley, Holt and the rarer ones from Bates, and Fairbanks Morse.

All too soon our time has run out and we have to vacate. Outside there are more exhibits, including construction and mining equipment, huge draglines used in open cast coal extraction and road making machines. In the distance we can see another exhibition hall full of aeroplanes, not our greatest interest so we passed on this.

The museum is well worth a visit, even if you cannot get into the storage building.



NVTEC-EA Group Support the Robin Hood Game & 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 on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th October 2014 at the Suffolk Showground, Trinity Park, Ipswich. 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 944 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 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 which was his sons, 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. Both engines start on petrol and then run on TVO. Jim and Mel Wakefield put on a display of horticultural machinery. Mel was said to have always wanted a Ferrari so Jim was kind enough to buy her one. Mel 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 off 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 clubs display of vintage machinery. Myself and Peter Clarke were having a competition to see whose tractor was being photographed the most but I think he did just pip me to the post. Personally I think it was the name Porsche that done it. Saturday the weather was ok until the heavy rain set in about 3pm. Sunday was superb with the sun shining and the crowd around the main ring cheering on the Jason Smyth Adrenaline Tour. Thank you to the organisers who gave us a free lunch so my club colleagues were very happy. All in all we had a great weekend. Gordon Carson



Junior Club

Here is new Junior Club Member, 6 year old Silas Hannant in his club clothing which he got for Christmas along with his Petter A1 of which he is very proud.

On the 29th December he had a Christmas Crank Up - this was his very own rally and although only a small gathering of engines, a jeep, a motorcycle, and a tractor in his grand parents garden, it rivalled the Great Dorset Steam Fair in his mind! He had some rally plaques kindly made by and given to him by Mark at Principle Nameplates. Silas collects seed drills and push hoes and displayed them on the day. He often takes a few out to local rallies.

Silas has been making good use of his tractor spotting book, we went to a ploughing match between Christmas and New Year so he was well into it. I reckon we'll be purchasing a engine one at Stradsett. Paul Hannant

Another new member is 8 year old Samuel Taylor shown below with his Fordson tractor.



There is a visit on Wednesday June 10th, starting at 5pm which you may want to come along to. There are lots of items to look at from beautifully painted horse-drawn wagons and gypsy caravans to tractors and stationary engines and old farming tools. Ask your dad to take you! Do please send in your pictures for publication and let me know how you are enjoying vintage machinery. I look forward to seeing you all at Stradsett Rally where you will receive a special gift and also a photographed 'sit on a static tractor' Viv

Happy Birthday Wishes

To Grace Armsby who was 9 years old on January 19th

To Holly Rash who will be 13 years old on March 5th

To Lily Mitchell-Crook who will be 8 years old on March 20th



My First Auction

By Finley Creasey age 5 years

My first time I went to an auction was with my Dad, Granddad and my Uncle Neil. We went to the Cheffins October sale in Sutton near Ely.

I sat on a lot of tractors and I wanted to bring home the Moline Universal but I didn't have enough pocket money to buy it. I hope to see it in the future and have another sit on it. I also really liked the Rumley Oil Pull and one day I will have one for myself.

I loved all the colours and sizes of all the tractors and hope to go again soon but will have to save my pocket money for a bit longer, I will ask Granddad if he will buy me one next time.



Above is Joshua Bird in his Junior Club hat. Freddie Withers, below, was a lucky boy to have a John Deere Gator for Christmas! Freddie is one of the founder members of the Junior Club.



A Visit to Doubleday's

By Finley Creasey

I recently went to the John Deere Doubleday's in St Germans to spend some of my birthday money on some more toys for my farm.

Whilst I was there the salesman asked me if I would like to have a sit in one of the combines so me and my mum got in. He also sat me in one of the tractors that they had been doing some repairs on. I had a great time and hopefully go back soon for another visit.



Out & About in 2014 With Mick Ketchell

The 2014 season started even earlier at the Norfolk Showground, but illness prevented an overnight stay so arrived early Sunday and found a pitch adjacent to the NVTEC(EA) display. As usual, there were many seldom seen machines and a fresh layout with added attractions of terrier racing plus gentle motorcycle trialling, also somewhat sporadic tractor pulling.

The first visit to Cheffins vintage sale saw more unusual items. An air pressurised crane brought memories of an incident with one, the hook becoming detached while loading a panel van, removing the roof and instantly transforming it into a pickup! Two Fowlers made £120,000 with an expert reckoning the same amount needed to restore! Prices so-so.



Sunny Space age Stradsett, over 200 tractors, not mine, sold after 22 years, the finale was the beet harvester and loader which could figure in a Sci-Fi film, the driver/operator? equivalent to an astronaut. Thanks to the owner for showing us £500K plus of machinery. Memorable weekend, huge turnout in the bigger layout, great crowds.

Inclement weather reduced the crowds at South Suffolk Show along with the Bury St. Edmunds finish of the cycle race, but the farming community shrugged it off. A few empty pegs on the tractor line, several exhibits came from Stradsett the previous weekend. Poor engine turnout. We all arrived despite still confusing directions! Next, the Suffolk Show, our largest. Children under 14 free, parking not. Tuesday's floods subsided in time for the Wednesday opening, a little drizzle but ok although a few horses short.

Thursday's attendance was boosted by Prince Harry, he walked round with a large entourage but replied to my wife's "Hello Harry", making her day! Usual small quality vintage tractor and engine display.

Home for a pitstop, unload, reload big trailer for Woolpit Steam by Saturday, a labour intensive week! Sunshine, record crowds, ever increasing collection of rare pre 1920 machines. Waiting list



for exhibitors at this popular well run event.

Another short trip to Euston Rural Pastimes.

Red hot day, large crowds but a long walk for us to the main stalls and tractor ring so didn't see much apart from flying display.

New venue at Palgrave taking the place of the now defunct Horham Rally and Eye Show. Large area and lake but due to non arrival of some exhibitors we were in "no mans land" on Saturday. Better turnout Sunday, with many ex Horham regulars. Should improve next year.

More inclement weather on Saturday at Long Melford, but no one towed in or out. Wall of Death busy both days, with the usual good variety of exhibits. Two display rings kept busy.

A somewhat sparse second Cheffins vintage sale, comments suggested fewest ever lots so couldn't blame the thunder about. More seats though, just 50 tractors, 28 motorcycles if you wanted a change! "Not quite enough" was heard a few times.

Something different, Old Buckenham Airshow. A few tractors, more classic cars on Sunday, flying displays both days.



Request for a £100 charity donation side lined a display at Fornham Classic Car Show, opting for Rougham "Echoes of the Past" WWII weekend. Good military vehicle collection, 18 Jeeps! Some activity by the resident flying school, various other USAAF memorabilia in huts and control tower, classic cars and tractors. Enjoyable weekend, deserves support for tower, (listed building), and airfield.

The highlight had to be a plane landing on a trailer towed at 70mph after several attempts. A triumphal lap later, it then took off again during another 70mph blast along the runway! Warm weather, reasonably priced.

Wet overnight at Little Ellingham but the ground dried Saturday morning.

Tractors, trucks, ploughing, steam, road run, and Landrovers playing in a new course with added water which was not needed. Sunday, the hurricane tail end had us heading home in torrential rain before midday. Fresh layout, still could be better.



Apprehensive about new site location at Barleylands, but saw more than previous years in spite of fewer exhibitors and stalls, so will book 2015 anyway, a 75 mile haul.

Unexpected 2 day excursion to Ipswich Hospital put paid to Pensthorpe trip, so a final trip to Cheffins last vintage sale at Sutton. More entries this time, only 1 of the Australian car imports sold, some items sold well but expectations too high on others. Did a little horse trading in the car park with Irish and English friends to top up the coffers!!

Back to the shed now to conjure up fresh items for next year's display.

MICK the Spannerman



On the Sunday after Christmas 2014 I went to a Ploughing Day at Robert Carter's near Norwich Airport organised by the Norfolk Ploughing Society. It was a lovely winter's day and ploughing went well. Proceeds went towards the club charity Lymphoma. Which is the 5th most common cancer in the country. Below is Terry Myhill on his International. We hope Terry will be out and about soon with his new hip. Malcolm Bush



Pensthorpe Country Fair October 3rd & 4th It is with regret that I need to inform you that Pensthorpe have decided not to hold this event this year. I would like to thank everybody for their support over the years. Graham Turner.

Also happening this Year Stradsett:

The Downham Young Farmers Clay Shoot 19th of April

Contact: Charlotte Waters c_awaters@yahoo.co.uk

The Young Farmers Ball on 16th of May the (600+)

Contact: Lucy Hartley lucy.hartley@west-norfolk.gov.uk

The Stradsett Hall Country Fair on 6th-7th of June (5000)

Contact: Paula Edmundson paula@classicfestivals.co.uk
and Guy Edmundson guy@classicfestivals.co.uk

The 600th Anniversary of the Battle of Agincourt 25th October (50+ Archers)

Contact: Sean Fox sean@greygoosearchery.co.uk

Fenland Bushcraft days and weekends over the year

Contact: Andrew Callaghan info@fenlandbushcraft.co.uk

Vintage Horticultural & Garden Machinery Working Day

Pictures show Steven Hall's Trusty loaded up at the end of last year's day and below, three youngsters who ploughed all day with their Jalos.

Last year at the working day we raised £700 for the EA Air Ambulance. We hope to do better this year with the use of old horticultural machines becoming more popular. As before, there will be a ploughing match and a fun working area. There will also be an area for stationary engines. Everyone is welcome. Contact Adrian Hall to enter 01328 851571

Ian Thompson



Chairman's Chat

I hope all members had an enjoyable festive season and remained free from illnesses that occur at this time of the year. Unfortunately I am one of the victims this year! We now look towards the new rally season. Sadly we had to cancel the Working Weekend due to roadworks and adverse weather conditions but the club's successes at Newark ended the year well.

At the beginning of January I attended with other club members the Starting Handle Club's annual dinner/dance at the Wensum Valley Golf Complex. This proved to be a very popular event and much thought had gone into the planning of the evening. We stayed overnight at the venue and enjoyed a hearty breakfast the next morning before setting off home.

Our Charity Road Run this year takes place on Sunday 5th April (Easter Sunday). A barbeque courtesy of Gordon and family/friends takes place on the Saturday evening at the same venue as before.

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Please remember that this is open to all club members. The following day the Road Run sets off and we then travel down roads and drives that even I have never been down before, like the back of beyond! Hopefully we will reach the Coach and Horses in time for lunch. On returning to the start point there



will be a trophy presented to the owner of the tractor with the highest sponsorship

On a personal note I wish to thank one of our exhibitors at Stradsett 2014, Steven Hall for providing us with some well carved wooden logs for our daughter's wedding tables, they were much appreciated, and also for the shell case that was in the back of his van and is now displaying one of the poppies from the Tower of London

Thank you for re-instating me and my fellow colleagues back onto the committee and I look forward to seeing you on the rally field.

Henry.



Editor

With the news coverage of the 50th anniversary of Sir Winston Churchill's funeral I was prompted to read a small book by Joan Snelling called 'A Land Girl's War'. In April 1941 she volunteered for work in the Women's Land Army and went to work at Hoveton Fruit Farm and then at Hall Common Farm, Ludham. There are some amusing tales as well as an insight to the hard work required. She worked with two Suffolk Punch mares and an elderly pony who took advantage of her whenever he could! She also drove an Allis tractor, later learning to plough with a Fordson with the comment that 'no field in Norfolk is an absolute rectangle, they are all shapes, some ending in a point.' She tells of opening up potato clamps, a cold job in winter, which were covered in straw and earth, sorting the good spuds from the squishy, smelly ones and working with a small bonfire nearby to try to give some warmth. One disaster she tells of was about the cab-less Fordson which was left overnight on the fields because of the metal wheel studs. At the end of one day she forgot to cover it up with the tarpaulin. That night there was a sharp frost, and she was horrified next morning to find cracks in the cylinder block with ice protruding.

I wonder if that Fordson and the Allis are still about today? Wouldn't it be amazing if those tractors came to Stradsett but maybe that's asking too much although we do still see some old relics about, (including me.)

The theme for this year's Stradsett is Potato Harvesting so get your thinking caps on and see what you can come up with for your displays. I shall be about with my camera to capture an image of your efforts and, maybe, it will be in next year's calendar.

Once again, thank you to those who have contributed to this publication.

Have fun! Viv

Club Clothing

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



Lightweight grey Baseball Caps now back in stock.. Black Baseball Caps:£6, Polo Shirts, short/long sleeves,£11 & £15, Sweat shirts, new colours:£15, Overalls, 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. 2015 Calendars £4, postage extra.

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

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Diary Dates

Tractor World at Malvern 14th & 15th March

March 28th at 10am. Reduction Sale of the Jim Wakefield Collection at Supreme Windows Caravan Site, Fence Bank, PE14 7QS Anyone interested in putting horticultural related items into this sale are welcome and should contact Barry Hawkins office direct.

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. If you wish to visit all the places, inclusive cost is £266. 50% non returnable deposit on booking. Contact Roger Thulbourne 01366377464

Little Downham Bygones & Organs Extravaganza nr Ely 28th March 1.00pm—5.30pm in the village centre adults £2.50 Held in aid of MAGPAS In 2014 the sum raised was £1,860 contact Trevor Brown 01353778830

Vintage Horticultural & Garden Machinery Working Day Sunday March 22nd at Stanfield Norfolk on B1145 10.30am start contact Adrian Hall 01328851571 Proceeds to East Anglian Air Ambulance & Stanfield Village Difibrillator

Carrington Steam Rally 23rd-25th May 07702208518

Woolpit Steam Show 30—31st May 01449737443

Hockwold Country Fair Sunday June 14th at Wilton Farm. Adults £3.50 contact Judy Webb on Judith.webb127@btinternet.com



Grimston Road Run June 21st in aid of St Botolphs contact Roger Coe 01485600334 0773989214 or Trevor Stebbings 01553630603

Holbeach Town & Country Fayre 20-21st June

Lincoln Steam & Vintage Rally 22nd-23rd August 01507605937

Earls Barton Rally & Country Fair 29th-31st August 01604891686

Boston Steam & Vintage Festival 5th-6th September 01205366018

Haddenham Steam Rally 12th—13th September 01487842771

Little Casterton Working Weekend 19th-20th September



Vintage Tractor Charity Road Run

Sunday 5th April
2015

Based at Walpole Highway
10 am for 10.30am Start

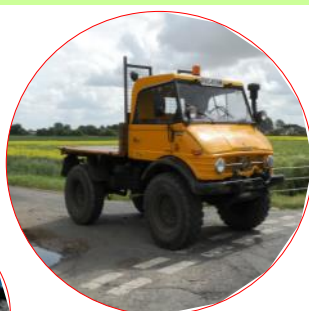
The Road Run will begin at Cedar Lodge, Walpole Highway, Wisbech, Cambs, PE14 7QT. Camping will be available from 12am on Saturday 5th April until 10am on Monday 7th April.

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

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



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Summer Visit

Wednesday June 10th 2015 to The Gordon Easton Collection

Site: Engine Farm, 134 Wisbech Road, Whittlesey, Cambs, PE7 2DT

This visit is very suitable for Junior Club members also!

500pm start with a £2 per adult donation to charity.

Holkham Country Fayre 25th & 26th July. Now under new management and returning to our original site. Entries for engines/bygones/awning displays please contact Ted Gray 01553617653 Entries for Tractors please contact Gordon Carson 01945880091



NVTEC-EA Group Working Weekend 5th & 6th September at Oak Farm Stradsett. £5 charity donation Contact Malcolm Mycock on 01366500250 07974854045 Tea bar on site

Winter Meeting at Ryston Golf Club 7.30pm

March 19th: Charles Hewson, Towing and Trailer Safety

Everyone welcome, bring your friends too!

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Membership Matters

Hi Everyone

I know I'm a bit late for Happy New Year but I also know I'm early for have a good Easter and enjoy all the events in the coming season, especially the Road run that is organised for Easter Sunday, please ring David Askew on 01945430481/mob 07748287107 for your entry form. Now to the important part, I have been informed about a change in the yellow card, How many of you have noticed the change in the insurance? Well I have spoken to Jim Wilkie and he assures me that the changes will not affect you. It will be a rolling insurance policy, so get booked in at Newark and enjoy. If you have any problems you are best to contact me and I will collate and present them. You should be able to carry on as you always have.

Last but not least if you have not returned your membership form for this year you will have a form to fill in with your magazine and remember the year runs from January—December. Have a great summer. To all those who are not well keep your chin up and we are thinking of you.

Contact me on 01366388907/membership@nvtec-ea.org.uk



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Little Casterton Working Weekend 2014

20th & 21st September

The Little Casterton Working Weekend is a very well organised and respected event. This is a great weekend both for the exhibitors and the public. With working tractors, combines, bailers, steam ploughing and thrashing there was certainly something for all enthusiasts.

I have got to know William Chatterton very well over the past few years and as a show organiser he really does a great job of getting a vast variety of rare vintage machines all in one place.

This year we were going to take the 1919 English Austin but unfortunately it didn't want to come out and play. So after having to make some last minute changes me and my good friend Richard Perry took along the Case RC Styled. This rare 1939 four cylinder Case has been restored to a high standard and also has new wings fitted. It is an extremely rare tractor as it is one of the only two known survivors of the few that were originally imported. This tractor was new to Gleaston Park Farm, Morecombe where it was converted to have pneumatic tyres in place of the original steel wheels. It worked at the same farm until it was purchased by its previous owner Richard Sturdy from North Yorkshire. The original Waukesha side valve petrol/TVO engine is still in excellent condition. Note the cast iron sunburst rounded front grill and chicken perch steering all painted in the flambeau orange, registration: SFO 907.

We also took along the fully restored John Deere Model D, registration: BBD 848. This 1949 two cylinder petrol/TVO tractor formed part of a static display and was fitted with an electric start and lights.

Mick Patrick brought along his marvellous 1916 Titan Flaming Four 15-30. In 1916 this must have been an incredible machine as it still looked amazing to this day.

Michael Hart was enjoying himself on his 1923 McCormick Deering 10-20 which was on steel wheels.

It was good to see Malcolm Robinson there with his Massey Harris 16-27 Pace Maker built in 1936, it was running and sounding great pulling a great looking set of disc harrows.

Gordon Easton was there as part of the static display with his superb looking 1924 Model T Ford truck.

With over 140 exhibits you really didn't know which to look at first. The show like many has grown over the years and they have Stationary engines, Vintage/Classic cars & trucks and a display of Bygones so it's well worth a visit.

The weather held off very well with the sun shining nicely on Sunday, so I can only thank all of the people involved for a very enjoyable weekend.



Gordon Carson

