



VINTAGE TORQUE

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NVTEC-EA Easter Sunday Road Run Raises £1,135.00

For the East Anglian Air Ambulance



On Sunday 5th April 2015 The National Vintage Tractor and Engine Club East Anglia Group held their annual vintage tractor road run. It was again held from Bryan Beba's in Walpole Highway but we had a completely new route. As with all club events the planning was over months, agreeing the venue, sending out entry forms, planning the route, organising the stewards rota and preparing the tractors for the road run itself. That's all before we had to design the flyer and advertise in our quarterly Vintage Torque magazine. We again had a BBQ on the Saturday night with thanks to Bryan Beba for the use of his great facilities, my good friend Richard Perry for cooking all the meat, Sue Askew for the great salads and my wife Jayne for all the wonderful desserts. Sunday morning was a bit overcast but with no rain in sight we couldn't have asked for a better day.

We set off about 10:30am heading through Terrington St John, Haygreen, Walpole St Andrew and then stopping at Julie Scott's for a toilet break. A big thank you to Julie for allowing all of us to use her facilities. After the break we headed to West Walton, then into Walton Highway, through Walpole Highway and into Terrington St John, down through Tilney St Lawrence, then back up to Tilney All Saints to The Coach and Horses Pub for a great lunch at 1:00pm. After lunch we headed back towards Terrington St John and back down to Tilney St Lawrence, this time turning south through St Johns Fen End, Marshland Smeeth and Emneth. From Emneth we headed back towards Marshland Smeeth stopping off for a pit stop at the Village Hall which was arranged by David Askew. There were several onlookers and we were made very welcome with teas, coffees, cakes and biscuits. A big thank you to all who volunteered to open up the hall and serve us all it was greatly appreciated especially with it being Easter Sunday. After leaving the hall we turned up Trinity Road back towards Wal-

pole Highway going left around Mill Lane and Mill Bank arriving back to Bryan's spot on time at 4:30pm.

All who were on the road run received a certificate for attending but the trophy for raising the most sponsorship went to Terry Myhill for raising £465.00 which is just amazing so very well done to Terry. I must thank our stewards for giving up their time to make this a safe and enjoyable day out, Richard Perry, Peter Thorpe and Ted Gray. Finally, thank you to all who supported us I am sure we all had a great day and the money will help the East Anglian Air Ambulance which is a great cause. *Gordon Carson*



Tractor Road Runners



Malcolm Bush 1980 Renault 75/12
D Savage 1959 International B275
Terry Myhill 1967 International 434
David Hilliam 1959 Farmall 560
Allan Whiteman 1964 International
Phillip Freeman 1958 Allis Chalmers D272
Andrew Carpenter 1969 International 523
Gavin Chapman 1947 Nuffield universal
Jason Carson 1961 International B275
Judy Webb 1975 Ford 4000
Peter Caley 1984 Massey Ferguson 690
Katie Newell 1963 Fordon Super Dexta

Ian Long 1946 Allis Chalmers Model B
Daniel Mycock 1952 Ferguson TED 20
Andrew Carson 1963 Fordson Super Dexta
John Moulis 1970 Massey Ferguson 178
David Askew 1964 Fordson Super Major
John Hilliam 1966 Volvo BM-400
Bryan Beba 1991 Massey Ferguson 3070
Mervyn Gathercole 1954 Ferguson TEF 20



NVTEC-EA Go to New Holland Factory

By Andrew Bennett

On Thursday 26th February the EA group departed with a coach of members destined for a day at the New Holland Tractor Plant in Basildon, Essex. We left at 8am and after a few 'are we nearly there' arrived shortly after 10am.

On arrival we were greeted by tea, coffee and, of course, biscuits before entering the auditorium for a few rules and a short presentation about the company, products and the factory in Basildon. Then came the time to pop on the safety specs and hi-viz ready to enter the factory.

Once on the tour of the production floor, I think it is fair to say that it's a whole new world in terms of technology and the sheer scale was immediately apparent. We were guided round and it was split into stops at different parts of the plant. The production comprises of the components on self moving, steering and guiding trolleys, trollies with parts in order in boxes delivered to work stations which is operated by someone scanning a barcode to start the process off. The production line never stops and the assemblers work to a strict schedule to fit their parts on line every four and a half minutes which I think is pretty incredible as looking at photos of older tractors I can imagine that a lot more time, blood, sweat and tears went into them, clearly demonstrating the advances of today's modern technology and production facilities.

After a break for lunch we returned to the showroom on site where there was a range of the big blue tractors on display, a simulator for ploughing, the latest gps tech units and a small merchandise area. After a good look around and spending a few quid in the merchandise area we assembled to receive our free 'goodie bags' and for a group photo. Then the day had gone and we found ourselves back on the coach heading home-wards. I think it is fair to say that everyone had a brilliant day and on behalf of everyone would like to send special thanks to Richard Perry of Earnest Doe, Gordon Carson for his part in organising the day and to Mark from Harrod's for his part in driving us to and from Basildon. *Andrew Bennett.*



Pictures and footnote by Gordon Carson

New Holland is part of the CNH Industrial S.P.A Group and with their agricultural equipment section of the business they turn over more than £12 million every year. It was very interesting to see New Holland and Case IH tractors coming off the same production line. At Basildon they have built over 1.8 million tractors since 1964 and over 3.1 million engines at their 40 hectare site with over 10 hectares of buildings incorporating over 2km of production line. They build between 110 and 120 tractors a day to order and with over 14,500 specifications it must be a logistical nightmare.

Stradsett Park Vintage Rally 2015 is now over but there is still much to do in connection with the rally including the many 'thank you' letters that Gordon is sending out. It was so rewarding, therefore, for Trade and Bygone steward, Ted Gray to receive a 'thank you' card in the post, sent by one of the trade people who have been attending the rally for several years. It said:

Ted, Thanks for an excellent show, very well organised. We are looking forward to 2016 already. Pat and Roger Minkley.

Thank you is a small word but it has such a huge effect, don't you think? Ed.

Junior Club



Young enthusiasts came along to the ringside Information Marquee at our club's Stradsett Vintage Rally to claim their 'Special Sit on a Tractor' and have their photograph taken. They also received a surprise gift of a model tractor, organised by Matthew Hoy, and the joy on their faces was a delight to see!

Junior members at Stradsett: Silas Hannant, Lily Mitchell-Crook, Harvey Mitchell-Crook, Sophie Hilton, Finley Creasey, Harvey Rutterfod, Logan Freear, Joshua Bird, Samuel Taylor and Harry Rayner



Jayden and Kian Gay posing in their new Junior caps



Logan Freear

MY FIRST TIME AROUND THE RING

By Harry Rayner

I took my tractor to the Sandringham Game & Country Fair . Keith and Jane kindly said I could drive my tractor around the ring. Me and my uncle entered the ring to show my tractor. I really enjoyed doing this I hope I will get the chance again.



...and Harry did get another chance, this time at Stradsett. He is shown here with his Wheel Horse and trailer carrying potato sacks and his Junior Club gift of a model tractor .



Joshua Bird



Samuel Taylor

A Letter

Dear Viv

It was great to see the article by Finley Creasey. (March issue)

Through the magazine I would like to extend an offer to Finley to ride the Rumley Oil Pull tractor he liked from the October Cheffins Sale. Unfortunately the tractor does not go at the moment and is in a long queue for repair, but one day it will go to Stradsett, where he is welcome to have a ride (under supervision of course).

Finley has very good taste, picking out the Moline purchased by Brian Beba and the Rumley. We all know pocket money does not reach to Veteran Tractors. I started as a teenager with an Allis 'B', but always wanted a Titan, having been offered a drive. It took 30 years of dreaming and saving before I got my wish.

The lesson for Finley, and all other young enthusiasts, is never stop dreaming and save all the pennies you can. There is much to be gained from our hobby in so many ways Finley will not be aware of yet. We hope he sticks with his interest and enthusiasm and look forward to meeting him at Stradsett one day.

Regards, David West



Chairman's Chat

After an enjoyable season of winter meetings and the clocks changing to British Summer time our first meeting was to the pre Road Run barbecue held at Bryan Beba's premises again - thank you Bryan. Needless to say the food was exceptional, Richard did a grand job of being "chef" for the evening and thanks must go to all those who donated the food. More members attended this year which was pleasing to see. I was unable to participate in the Road Run but Gordon's future daughter-in-law was "plonked" on a tractor to make up the number to 20 people and she did an admirable job of driving the course.

Grateful thanks to all those involved in the setting up of the rally field prior to our annual Stradsett rally. Although we had a wet start on the Sunday a very reasonable crowd turned out and the ring timetable ran as normal from lunch time. Monday dawned bright and beautiful and apologies to any members of the public who got caught up in the backlog of visitors waiting to gain entrance. Numbers exceeded all expectations and we hope that all who attended had a very enjoyable time.

And finally.....

Over the weekend I spoke to so many exhibitors, and members of the public all of whom seemed to endorse a common theme: this is the best organised and friendly rally on the calendar. What they don't know is how hard Gordon and all of our management, stewards and friend of Stradsett work to ensure this image is achieved. Having been responsible for a very large team of individuals in the past I know how important it is to be able to rely on key team members to not only accept their responsibility but also deliver results!! As a club we are privileged to have such a team, even when challenges occur and best laid plans need to be quickly changed. At the beginning of the rally, when the heavens opened there were sad faces but everybody focussed on the next day and presented an optimistic demeanour.

The team responded when traffic problems needed to be addressed and others ensured the rally met expected deadlines. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated team of helpers who give of their best according to their ability and strengths, remaining optimistic and enthusiastic throughout. It is heartening that they all seem to be able to accept their responsibilities without a bad word and remain friends, committed to the future success of our rally.

Ted Gray

Secretary

Thank you to Sir Jeremy's son Alfred for presenting the trophies and for Sir Jeremy and Lady Bagge for their permission to use their land again for our continuing successful rally. Special thanks to Gordon and Matthew for directing the traffic which unfortunately meant they missed a lot of the proceedings and they do so much work organising the event.

Also all who helped out to make this year's rally a resounding success Well Done and here's to next year.

Please make a note in your diary for the visit to Gordon Easton's on 10 June - hope to see you there. *Henry*



Membership Matters

Please can all members check if they have had their up to date Vapourising magazine. We seem to have a few that have not received theirs. Also let me have any changes of address, phone numbers and email addresses that need to be updated.

Please send them to: Chris Hunt at 14, The Paddocks, Downham Market, Norfolk, PE38 9JA or email your update to: membership@nvtec-ea.org.uk

Thank you. *Chris*

FOR SALE: ST mobile generator set. I know little of its history other than it was a welding generator set in a lorry mobile workshop. I inherited it from my father and need to get the best price for it to divide between us children as the will / estate requires. Offers to: Martin Little, tel 01553 617461, Chestnut Farm Cottage, Islington Rd, Tilney All Saints, Kings Lynn, Norfolk, PE344RZ



Win a Lister D

As you may be aware, our NVTEC East Anglia Group motto is 'preserving the past for future generations' and to this end we formed the Junior Club which now has 19 members. In seeking other ways to encourage young enthusiasts Graham and Sharon Turner are donating a stationary engine. This engine is a Lister D, a 'running barn find' and they would like it to go to a young stationary engine enthusiast, aged 14 years or younger, who would otherwise only be able to dream about owning such an engine.

Are YOU such an enthusiast or do you know a young person who would be absolutely delighted to take possession of this Lister D, enjoy restoring and exhibiting it and begin a very interesting hobby in the vintage world as a member of NVTEC-East Anglia Group?

If so, please apply in writing to Graham and Sharon explaining why you are putting forward the named youngster or your name. The final decision will be made by Graham and Sharon in conjunction with the club committee. The closing date for your application is Tuesday 30th June. The successful applicant will be informed in writing and a suitable venue arranged for the presentation.

Send your letter to: Mr and Mrs G Turner, 11, Reynolds Lane, Potter Heigham, Gt Yarmouth, Norfolk, NR29 5LY



Diary Dates

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

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

Holbeach Town & Country Fayre 20-21st June

Manor farm Grimston, Vintage Tractor Road Run. Sunday June 21st

The event will take place on Sunday, June 21st, with tractors meeting by 10.00am and setting off at 10.30am. The route will traverse the village and will head for Great Massingham continuing through Harpley to Anmer and on to Sandringham before returning to Grimston via Hillington at around 2.30. The run will cover approximately 22 miles. Once again a free packed lunch will be provided by the organisers to be taken on the green at Massingham.

Bacon butties, coffee and tea will be available by 10.00am before the run starts. Afterwards there will be a family afternoon from 2pm at Manor Farm with farm machinery, steam traction, stalls and attractions, hog roast, strawberries and cream, a beer tent and BBQ.

The Road Run is being organised by Roger Coe and more information and entry forms can be obtained from him at Manor Farm, Grimston, King's Lynn, PE32 1BG, telephone 07739 892141, or from Trevor Stebbings on 01553 630603'

Hilgay Rally 1st & 2nd August contact Peter Bates 01366387988

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

Club Clothing



We have several items in stock as follows:

Grey Baseball caps £5.75 Black Baseball caps £6, Sweat Shirts green, maroon, navy, dark& light grey £15: Long Sleeve Polo navy, green £15: Short sleeve Polo green, maroon, dark grey £12: Boiler suit, green, studs 40" £17: Long sleeve fleece grey, green £25: Padded Body warmer, olive xxl £18: Lightweight Body warmer medium navy £14. Poplin shirt, grey 16 1/2" collar £15.

Phone Viv to place your order, see contact details in next column. Items not in stock take about 3 weeks to deliver. If you have any other requests for clothing please ask.

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

And for people to follow us on Twitter they can follow: [@Stradsett_Rally](https://twitter.com/Stradsett_Rally)



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

01553617653/07469702234

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

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Tractor World 2015

Back in September 2014 Larry Hopkins contacted me with reference to bringing the Series 3 Turner Yoeman of England to the 2015 Tractor World Show in March.

Whilst I maybe a lot of things I am a man of my word. But when my darling wife Jayne bought me a weekend away in Birmingham to see Lionel Riche for Christmas and to be fair to her she went out of her way to avoid the tractor world show which is normally the first weekend in March, it was a bit awkward. We eventually came to an agreement and on 13th March myself, Matthew Hoy, Peter Rash, Stuart Bailey and Jim and Mel Wakefield all made the 150 or so mile journey down to the Three Country Showground in Malvern, Worcestershire. We arrived about 1pm and soon got started setting up our club stand.

From the right of the stand was Stuart Bailey's Fordson 1946 E27N petrol/TVO Major (Land Utility Model) reg: 507 UXM, serial no: 1018870. This tractor was bought from the John Chalke Collection in Outwell back in 1985 and restored over 10 years or so being completed in 1996. Then came Matthew Hoy with his International B414 diesel tractor reg: APW 569B. This 1964 41hp tractor belonged to Matthew's granddad. Peter Rash kindly brought down his 1967 Massey Ferguson 3 cylinder 135 diesel in original condition fitted with a cab, reg: GER 786E. This tractor spent most of its working life on a farm in Peterborough before Peter purchased it in 2014. Then there was Bryan and I with the 1954 series 3, 4 cylinder Turner. This tractor was sold by Pat Perry who worked for Pleasant's of Marshland Smeeth to Askews which is a couple of miles up the road where it was used for shunting coal carts about due to no hydraulics being fitted. It was then sold to Peter Rose who showed the tractor many years before parking it in a shed where it remained until 2006. This tractor has been completely restored and we managed to get the original registration number back: NEW 462. Matthew Hoy also brought along his Lawn-Boy Lofer Model 9213. This 3hp 2 stroke petrol lawn mower got him a second place. It was given to Matthew by Nick Brett of Lawn-

Boy Downham Market which has been a dealer for over 40 years. Jim and Mel Wakefield got 3rd with their 1932 ATCO Finger mower and 1st with their 1958 ATCO twin drum grass cutter. Steven Hall completed our line up on the club stand with his Mayfield MK25 1959 no.1299 which was supplied by Ben Burgess of Garden Equipment Ltd of Norwich. This machine was fitted with a dozer blade. The East Anglia Group of the NVTEC have been attending the Tractor World Show for a few years now but were very surprised yet very pleased to win first prize for the best club stand at the show. We all travelled a long distance at considerable expense to ourselves but coming first makes it all worth it so a big thank you to all who helped and supported our club stand. The East Anglia Group didn't finish there with Paul McKellow getting 2nd for their display of Jobbers. All club members are welcome on the club stand at any of the shows we attend. We take the club stand around the country to promote our club, the East Anglian Group of the NVTEC. The tractor world show is the first show we have attended in 2015 and I am sure we all had a good weekend despite it being a bit cold in the halls. It is always good to put faces to the names and we certainly caught up with many old friends and met many new ones. We met Andreas Felth who is a collector from Sweden and has over 100 vintage tractors. Andreas is now a member of the East Anglia group of the NVTEC which is fantastic and we welcome him.

Gordon Carson

