



# The 40th Stradsett Park Vintage Rally

Preserving our heritage for future generations

With organiser Gordon Carson and assistant Matthew Hoy

**‘Bigger and Better by far’**

40th Stradsett Park Vintage Rally. A new layout giving stewards the space to

expand their sections gave an exciting challenge with the theme of hay making, grass cutting and 100 year old tractors.

To open the rally, the Reverend Alan Davies gave an adapted ‘Blessing of the Plough.’ before Gordon Carson declared the start of the rally with a few laps of the ring on his 1916 International Harvester 10-20 followed by commentator Alan Creasey on his 1946 Minneapolis Moline UDS.

was the verdict given by Peter Curston in the commentary box on the second day of the



Tractor Steward, Reg Fletcher gathered together some of the tractors present at our club's first rally in 1974. Nick Ewer's unrestored 1915 Whiting Big Bull won NVTEC-EA Class Award for Best Tractor Any make 1900-1929. It was featured at our club's first rally and this is believed to be the first tractor to be used at Heacham. Also at that rally was J. Cowards' International Titan, Malcolm Bush's 1948 Fordson E27N, Gordon Carson's 1954 Turner Yeoman, Denzel Mayes' rare Turner High Clear, Peter Caley's Massey Harris 744, R. Crisp's Minneapolis Moline ZTN, Fred Rudd's Allis Chalmers, and a Field Marshall owned by Newman Smith. Simply amazing to gather them together for this 40th rally. *More overleaf*





The days preceding the bank Holiday weekend needed a steely backbone from Gordon Carson and the committee as rumours circulated that the rally would succumb to the wet, blustery conditions, but determination prevailed and the show went ahead with rain only overnight and after the trophy presentation on Monday. How lucky were we! The new car park area provided better access from the main road but with any new venture some problems arose and these will need to be addressed for the future. However, the overall feedback from visitors and exhibitors was full of praise:

*'fantastic', 'a brilliant show', 'great for the family day out', 'much better than it used to be', 'we're only visiting but we want to be part of it next year', 'you knock spots off us and our rally', 'I don't know how you do it to put on such a great show!' and 'the best ever.'*

D. Culley's 1929 Wallis 20-30



Stewarded by Reg Fletcher and assistant Malcolm Bush the rally theme of 100 year old tractors saw examples dating back to 1914 with Mick Patrick's International Harvester 12-26, and his 1916 Waterloo Boy, and W. Engelman's International Junior. (not shown) The tractor parade began with the earliest models beginning with Austin West's 1919 Hart Parr 15-30, R. Wedd's 1924 I.H. 10-20, B.

J. Crowder's 1929 Twin City 30-45



Ayres 1927 International Harvester 10-20, D. Culley's 1929 Wallis 20-30 and J. Crowder's 1929 Twin City, N. Ewre's 1934 International W12, J. Ayres' 1935 Allis Chalmers WC A. Smith's 1938 International F12 and J. Coward's 1933 Allis Chalmers K that won the Grace Beba trophy for Best Steel Wheeled Tractor.

The parade continued with later models from the 1940's through to the '80's. A grand total of 285 tractors!



J. Coward won Grace Beba Trophy for Best Steel Wheeled tractor with his 1933 Allis Chalmers K

From the Notts group D. Bartle with his 1939 Fordson N



I. Fordham's 1936 Lanz Bulldog



A. Kidd's 1936 Fordson N



A. Smith's 1938 International F12



N. Ewer's 1934 International W12



A. West's 1919 Hart Parr 15-30



R. Wedd's 1924 International Harvester



B. Ayres 1927 I.H. 10-20



J. Ayres 1935 Allis Chalmers WC



Andrew Bennett's 1939 Allis Chalmers B



R. Parcell's 1935 International F12





The grass cutting and haymaking theme continued with a fine display in the ring. Below are just a few of the 30 entries that were exhibited.



Darren and Alan Creasey with their 1936 M.M. ZTU & Nicholson Hay Rake



Neville Websdale and Thomas Brown with their 1936 Fordson N & Bamford Mower

Commentator Michael Hart with Keith Gore and his 1948 Ferguson TEA20 and Lister Wufler



P. Fincham with his 1952 Allis Chalmers M & Allis C Rotabale



T. Mitchell with his 1954 Case VAS & B. Spiers' 1934 Bamford no:7



A. Rogerson with his 1960's Massey Ferguson 35X & 1960's New Holland Hay Turner



A. Boyles with his 1928 Farmall Regular & Mower



A. Sales with his 1932 Massey Harris GP & Bamford Side Rake that won NVTEC-EA Class Award for Best Tractor 1930-39



David Askew with his 1948 Fordson E27N & 120 year old Hay Rake handed down from his granddad





# Stationary Engines



Charlie Secker won the Thompson Trophy with his 1924 Ruston Hornsby APR that he restored in 2014

Steward Clive Richardson supervised over 143 stationary engines with some rare examples, restored and unrestored and interesting displays of powered use of. Shown here are the trophy winners plus a few more.



Sam Taylor won NVTEC-EA trophy for Best Junior Engine with his 1944 Wolseley WD 1/11 see left Here he is receiving the trophy from Alfred Bagge and daughter Tabitha



D. Cook won Best Powered use of an Engine with his 1939 Ruston 8 PB 3hp

Michael Prior won 2nd Best Junior Engine with his 1946 Lister D 1.5hp that he restored



M. Wilkin with his 1911 Schmidts model H Chilled Cylinder 3hp that won Jack Beekin Cup for Best Stationary Engine. It was brought to Ireland from USA, became part of Mike Deacon's collection in until 2015 when Mike purchased it.



A young Nichols enjoying working with a 1950 Lister CS1



Stewards Choice: Shown by the family of the late Dick Pilgrim a 1924 Ruston Hornsby A.P. 7.5hp



Left: 1901 Madison gas engine driving an 1800 Coffee Grinder owned by P Payne

1915 Bradford Hit'n Miss shown by Clive Richardson





# More Engines



1924 Crossley 1060 shown by C. Key



1922 Petter Junior Series  
1 Little Pet shown by I.  
Smith



1926 Capel XX shown by C. Smith



1935 Lister Junior shown by A. Wahlandt

1914 Lister N shown by . Winter



1924 Ruston Hornsby AP 5.5hp shown by G. Willett



1920 Lister L owned by B. Spinks

1942 Stuart owned by T. Evans





# Horticultural



**Reg Fletcher** also stewarded this section with 40 entries.

Top right shows part of the Wingnuts Woodmen working display. On ring parade starting top left going anti-clockwise are: no:40, D. Walker with his 1962 Bonser Truck, J. Missen with his 1960 Rollo



Croft Master, Fred Rudd's Winget 550, A. Hall's 1957 Barford Atom, David Buttriss with his 1944, 1948 and 1955 Ransomes MG5 's, Mel Wakefield in the middle with her hand held machine, the two winners in this section I. Thompson and N. Emery shown also on page 4, P. Bickell's 1953 Barford Atom, and J. Missen with his 1958 Rollo Croft Master, Jim Wakefield with his Cub Cadet 582







The Allis Chalmers Club with P. Fincham's 1966 Allis D21 and 1962 Allis D17 .



Wayne Mitchell and Junior Members Lily and Harvey put on a great display with a 1954 Case VAS



Brian Catchpole's 2003 Annie no:2

A 1928 Vauxhall 20/60 towing a 1929 Vintage Eccles Caravan owned by David Lobb . That's what I call travelling in style!



B. Park with his 1920 Sawyer Massey



M. Plumb's 1899 Burrell



Norman Shepherd with his Foster running a Ransomes hay baler



6 year old Samson in training, pulling a tyre with David and Angela.



Chairman Henry Howlett presenting Mr Abbs the trophy for his 1963 Fordson Super Major that won Best Unrestored Fordson



Sue Cooke's Homepride Bygone display



17 year old Herbie put to a 1909 Jersey Dray that used to take potatoes to market at the station and bring passengers back. The dray was in a shed at Oxford for 20 years before Derek Stanton, shown right, bought and restored it.







# NVTEC-EA Group's 40th Rally

## A Brief Insight to Stradsett Rally 2016

### from your Rally Organiser

Stradsett Park Vintage Rally 2016 was the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the first one being in 1974 (two were cancelled) so I was very proud to be allowed to organise it for all the many great exhibitors, some who have attended every show since that first one. Malcolm Bush was one of the people who started all this off so my wife Jayne suggested we present him with a little something at the trophy presentation. Viv spoke to Doubleday's and they were happy to help. Malcolm helps year after year supporting our club so I am sure you will all join me in thanking him for the many years of support. Other members were present who were part of the first rally committee including Newman Smith with his Field Marshall, Roger Coe with his 1948 Case LA, Fred Rudd with his 1954 Trusty Steed and Peter Caley with his Threshing Set with his Massey Marris 744. Newman has just had his hip operation so we wish him well and hope he will soon be out and about.

Despite the poor run of weather up to the rally and the Thursday night before, I think we were very lucky over the weekend.

I must thank all the exhibitors, traders, committee and 'Friends of Stradsett' for their great support over the weekend. The attendance was slightly better than 2015 so despite people thinking it would be cancelled we had a great weekend.

Thank you also to Sir Jeremy and Lady Bagge for the use of the superb surroundings and their assistance in helping create a bigger show ground. The new layout seemed to go well, in fact I only had one person say it should have been left as it was. Whatever we do as a committee will never be perfect but we all give 100% and I can't ask for more than that.

This year was the first for many at Stradsett without Collin Holwell commentating. Colin has now retired and I thank him for the years he has given us. Michael Hart and Alan Creasey stepped in so thank you both.

Thank you again to everyone as this show relies on an army of helpers/volunteers and they are all amazing.

Already plans are forming for next year with the theme of 'Spreaders and Sprayers.'

Have a great 2016 rally season. **Gordon Carson**



Bar Stool team racing over and around obstacles...great fun!



Pauline Petch's 42F Air Cadets Cooper, Gay, White, Sammakki, Ruddlesdin and Williams did a grand job stewarding in the car park, in difficult conditions.



Ring Stewards Alan and Malcolm with club chairman Henry Howlett



New for this year, helicopter rides with Turweston Helicopters proved to be really popular.



St John's Ambulance on watch with Ryan, Samuel and Dominic

