



# VINTAGE TORQUE

Preserving the past for future generations

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## Vintage Tractor Road Run 2017



On Sunday 2nd April, the East Anglia Group held their Vintage Tractor Road Run raising money for the East Anglian Air Ambulance which is a very worthy cause. This year Peter Thorpe and David Askew had set the route. Bryan and Julie Beba again allowed us the free use of all their facilities and on behalf of the club we thank you. People started arriving at 8:30am from Essex, Boston and all the surrounding villages. Some had 12-16 miles each way to travel on their tractors so they may have done close to 70 miles by time they got home. We



thank you all for attending. Everybody turned up on time and with good weather it made the day very enjoyable. We provided tea, coffee and biscuits for all involved including our stewards who helped keep everyone safe. Acting as stewards, Richard Perry, Anola Copsey, Abigail Copsey, Peter Thorpe and myself were all trying to leapfrog the tractors without having to pass them which can sometimes mean going several miles round. The weather was fantastic. We left Bryan's at 10:30am sharp and travelled around 19 miles in the morning before arriving at the Coach and Horses Pub in Tilney St Lawrence for a great lunch at 12:30. We left the pub about 2:00pm and travelled roughly 18 miles in the afternoon to arrive back at about 4:30pm, turning in at The Heron Pub in Stow Bridge for a quick refreshment stop. Each year our business, Supreme Windows Ltd, puts up a trophy for the person who raises the most sponsorship and this year it was won by Trevor Fox who raised a superb £435.00 so well done Trevor! Thank you to everyone that donated and gave up their time and fuel to help us have a great day. In total, we raised an amazing £2,340.00 for the East Anglian Air Ambulance. This is the best we have done for years so a big thanks to all involved. Also thanks go to my wife Jayne, Susan Askew and Richard Perry and helpers for a superb BBQ on the Saturday evening amidst the Grace & Bryan Beba Tractor Collection. *Gordon Carson*





# The 1929 Case 'L'

For some years Oliver and Austin have ploughed with a Case 'C' and a Standard Fordson with a Ransomes RSLD No. 9 2-furrow plough, with some success.

Austin thought it would be good to find a Case 'L' and 3-furrow plough to use beside the 'C', as it always creates interest at our local matches, but it needed to be an early one. Production started in 1929 and that is what was wanted.

Austin told some people about his idea and a friend from Germany told us he had a Case 'L' from 1929 that was a runner and very original, sounds just right. He sent some photographs over on the email, which showed some of its condition enough for us to say we would have it. A deal was struck including delivery to home. Eventually the tractor turned up, was unloaded and started but did not run well. Within a couple of minutes the fan belt shredded and stopped any further running.



Generally the tractor was not rotten, it had the important features, Kingston Carburettor, flat fan belt, tool box under the floor and the correct draw bar. There were signs of some original paint and decals, so all was not too bad. This tractor was not to be painted but restored to a "patina" finish as is the current trend, i.e. preserve as much of the original as possible and make any new bits look old.

When the time was right restoration commenced, the first part to tackle was the radiator which was blocked for the most part. It was dismantled so the core could be removed. This was immersed in caustic soda to try and loosen the dirt etc. from the blocked tubes. Only 30 tubes from 144 were clear, after the caustic soda the tubes were rodded out with plastic binding tape, this was fairly successful. We now had over 100 clear tubes which we thought would be enough as we did not want to create any leaks.

The tractor had been coated on Owratol, a clear preservative solution, this was to be removed by careful paint stripping. The next area to look at was the engine. This has large inspection holes in each side. When these were removed there was a lot of sludge as we might expect, but also traces of metal. This had come from the big end white metal bearings, especially No. 3 connecting rod. The mains were serviceable. A friend has the necessary equipment and skill to re-metal bearings and machine them, so we took all 4 rods to him with their caps to have new white metal run into them and machined back to size, not an easy job without the crankshaft to work with, however the result was very good, only leaving a minimum of fitting required to the crankshaft that was still in the tractor.

The bottom end of the engine was re-assembled, while this was going on other areas were looked at, the steering in particular, new pins were made, shims fitted to the steering box. Areas of wear welded up and ground back to the original shape and size.

The front wheels were a problem as the rims had worn through and been previously poorly repaired. What we needed was another pair of wheels or we would have had to have new rims rolled to section. Then we received notice of a sale in Essex where there was a pair of Case front wheels. We would have to go and see what they were for, sure enough they were Case steel wheels but probably for an LA tractor. We knew the overall diameter and width was the same as the L but did not know about the axle and bearing recesses, anyway if the price was right we would take them home. As it happened somebody else wanted them so they got rather expensive, but still came home, just as well as we have not found any others.

As it happens the LA wheel hubs are not the same as the L, what to do now. We decided to cut the rims from both pairs of wheels and re-rivet the old hubs to the new rims, this we managed to do with some success, nobody would know. So if anyone is looking for a pair of front steel wheel hubs from a Case LA I know where there are some.

The cost of the wheel rims was offset somewhat by an unused set of lugs of the right size for the back wheels, at a much better price, although the bolt holes were too small and the wrong centres so had to be milled out to suit the tractor, then when it came to fitting the lugs to the wheels a lot of the very heavy pattern split washers were broken so we had to use a larger size washer and make internal spacers around the bolts to make them look like the originals.

The tin work was in fairly good condition, the wings were cleaned with stripper and washed. There was some battle scars and they were distorted, careful tin bashing and cramps removed some of the dents and creased but we needed to be careful not to destroy the decals that remained.

It was decided to replace the man stand floor. We had some board of the right width in British Columbian Pine that matched the original exactly, so using the old ones as a pattern new boards were fitted, including the tool box lid as the box is under the floor.

New ends fitted to toolbox



It was time to attempt a start up, she fired up quite well but would only run on 3-cylinders. We tried another magneto, different plugs and wires but nothing helped, then Oliver remembered reading on the internet about a similar situation with another Case tractor in the U.S.A. The recommendation there was to check the exhaust valve springs, this was done by putting a screw driver into the spring to strengthen the compression. This had an immediate affect, 4-cylinders at last, new springs required so a new set had to be made for us. When these were fitted it was like a different tractor.

Apart from straightening and repairing the draw bar, repairing the fuel tank, cutting and welding new pieces into the manifold and fitting new pipework to the fuel system there wasn't much left undone, so a few weeks work turned into over 18 months, but we are now ready for the years ploughing season.

Stradsett was the tractor's first outing, it performed very well. We were very pleased and many people commented on our efforts and end result, and to top it all it won a prize. What next, a Rumely perhaps.

David West



7088 New valve springs fitted

7093 Straightening drawbar





# Junior Club

# on Parade at Stradsett



Eleven Junior Club members lined up in the ring on Sunday April 30th to start the rally with their first ever Junior Club Parade. They brought along seed drills, horticulatural machines, a stationary engine and an electric gator.

*Left to right:* Charlie Brett-Reynolds with his home made Ford look alike Lily and Harvey Mitchell-Crook each with 1930's Barkers Seed Drills, Freddie Young with his 1947 Ransomes 2-row seed drill, Sam Taylor with his 1980 Super 11 with roller, Harry Rayner with his 1970 Wheel Horse C81, Oliver Stone who exhibited a 1945 Bamford with 1910 Bamford Mill, George Collison with his Villiers Mk 25, Reece Harrison with his John Deere GW, Finley Creasey with his 1980 Lawnright ride-on lawnmower and Freddie Withers with his John Deere electric Gator.



Each Junior was interviewed by Alan Creasey and were presented with a rosette before setting off on their parade around the ring. They also received a model tractor provided by Matthew Hoy before ining up to shake hands with Club Chairman Henry Howlett.

Below: Sam Taylor proudly displays his winning exhibit that includes his Wolseley WD1/11 that he's had for 6 years, driving a Lister Water Pump. He and his dad restored the engine together from non-running. Also displayed are a push hoe, seed drill, cans and lamps. Well done Sam on a great display.



## Happy Birthday Wishes



Jaydn Gay who will be 7years old on June 24th  
 Silas Hannant who will be 9 years old on July 3rd  
 Logan Freear who will be 11years old on July 5th  
 Harry Rayner who will be 12 years old on July 14th



# Vintage Horticultural & Garden Machinery Working Day

It was held on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2017 in Stanfield, Norfolk and raised around £800 for the East Anglian Air Ambulance. This was our 8<sup>th</sup> year. With a fantastic turn out of both exhibitors and public with 61 working horticultural machines and 20 Working Stationary engines. Such a variety and rare machines: 5 - Small walk behinds:- Mayfields, Barford Atom, Honda, Auto Culto 7 - Large walk behind:- Trustys, BMB Plowmate 12 - Small ride on:- Rollo Croftmaster, Wheelhorse, Ransomes Mgs, Gutbrod, Bolens 25 - Large ride on:- Allis B's, Hinomoto, Yanmar, Winget, Bmb President, Kubota, Massey, Farmall Cub, 12 - Working play pen:- David Brown 2D's, Garner light, Gunsmith, Clifford mk4, Howard's.

## Match ploughing results:-

**Small walk behind:** 1<sup>st</sup> Antony Burleigh (Mayfield) 2<sup>nd</sup> Ian Pomfret (Barford Atom) 3<sup>rd</sup> Ralph Burleigh (Mayfield)

**Large walk behind:** 1<sup>st</sup> Harry Riches (Trusty) 2<sup>nd</sup> Philip Bland (Trusty) 3<sup>rd</sup> Bruce Pomfret (Trusty)

**Small ride on:** 1<sup>st</sup> Alex Crisp (Gutbrod) 2<sup>nd</sup> John Missen (Rollo croftmaster) 3<sup>rd</sup> Terry Dewsbury (Bolens)

**Large rideons:** 1<sup>st</sup> Peter Dolman (Renault v73) 2<sup>nd</sup> Andrew Websdale (Renault N73) 3<sup>rd</sup> Bernie Marsh (Kubota)

**Lady Class:** 1<sup>st</sup> Kathy Dunning (John Deere755) 2<sup>nd</sup> Helen Simpson (Massey 1215)

Highlight of the day must be seeing 4 David Brown 2Ds all working together 2 ploughing, 1 cultivating and 1 drilling. *See below* Owned by Neville and Sally Websdale. All with their four stroke air cooled twin cylinder David Brown diesel engine and still using the David Brown air light lift system.

Two Gunsmith tractors ploughing together Mk 1 and Mk 2 caught on camera.

Petter V4 crawler, what a noise on straight pipes!

3 Rotovators working together in play pen. Howard 700 with Villiers 2 stroke, Clifford mk4 1960's 1600cc side valve Jap engine owner Dave Clarke was very happy with how it work being first time out. Finally an Arun Mayfield with a diesel Petter engine 1980 the only one known of so far. Who else has one out there?

**Steven Hall**



Arun Mayfield Diesel fitted with Arun rotary cultivator attachment.



Barford Atom with Ian Pomfret



below: Dave Clarke's Clifford Mk 4 1960's 1600cc side valve Jap engine



Richard Taylor drilling, Neville Websdale cultivating, Sally Websdale ploughing, Ian Thompson ploughing



Garner Light



Above left to right: 2 Gunsmith Tractors Gerry Bateman on his Mk 2 and Vanessa Green on Mk 1 Howard 700 with Villiers 2 stroke, Ray Gibbins' 1960 Winget, left: Opperman Motorcart owned and restored by Tony Martin, right: Rollo Croftmaster Mk7 1960's s/n574 owned by Jonathan Missen





## Working Day continued



*Opperman Pony Horse Plough :- Massy Harris Pony tractor being used to pull a Horse plough and past Horseman Arthur Clouting who had the well known heavy horse ploughing team, Captain and Moonlight*



*Iseki compact tractor with log splitter*



*BMB Plowmate*



*Stationary engine line up*



*Peter Roat doing a fine job with his Honda F80*



*Bruce Pomfret with his 1946 Trusty Tractor with Jap engine*

## Stationary Engines At Stradsett Rally



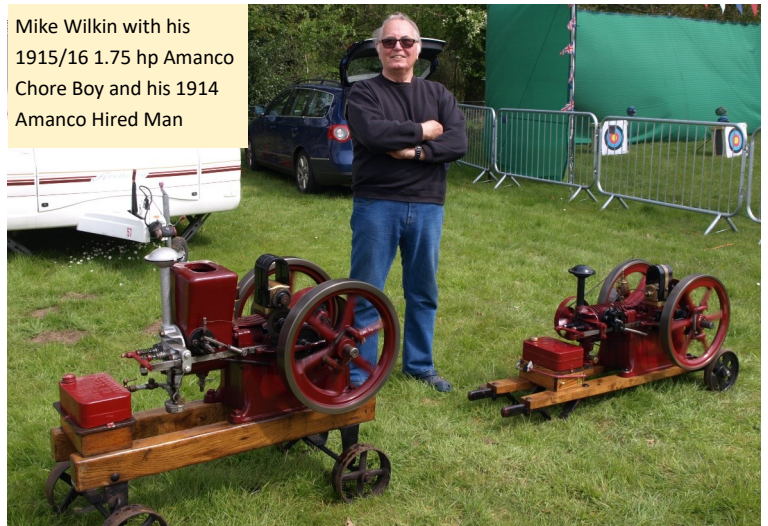
Left: Aaron Smith's 1933 Bamford Open Crank Tulip Top driving a Bamford Grinding Mill right: Aaron's Fairbanks Morse driving a Mechanical Hacksaw



Philip Freeman and son Martin relaxing with their 1929 Ruston & Hornsby APR



Mike Wilkin with his 1915/16 1.75 hp Amanco Chore Boy and his 1914 Amanco Hired Man





# Chairman's Chat

After last year's fiasco with the car parking it was nice that we had no problems in that department at our annual Stradsett rally.

This year turned out for me to be one of the driest spells in my memory on the farm so the field for the car park proved no problem. Upon entering the rally field members of the public were met with a diverse array of attractions which suited most people.

Many comments were made to me of the activities on site and this should be reflected in the number of people passing through the gate.

New for this year was the mini tractor pulling which I was able to participate in for a limited time due to commitments with judges and stewarding and other organisational jobs.

For those of you who are holidaying soon (spare a thought for those who are still hard at work) I hope you have a lovely break.

Many thanks to those who helped with anything connected to the rally.

As always your help is very much appreciated. **Henry.**



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Once again a big thank you to those who have contributed to this issue and I hope you enjoy your Stradsett Supplement. Please keep sending me your stories and photographs for everyone to enjoy and also advance information about Vintage events. Unfortunately there isn't space for all of the photographs sent in but many of them will be on our website. September Deadline: August 7th

## Christmas Party Night at Searles Leisure Resort

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

Let's make it an NVTEC-EA evening



Price per person is £31 to include a 3 course meal (various choices) followed by tea and coffee and disco until 1am. A £10 deposit is required to confirm the booking and full balance is due 1 month in advance.

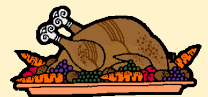
Overnight accommodation is available at the discount rates of:

Caravans at 19.50 per person,

Lodges at £24.50 per person

For further information contact

Debbie Curry on 07745484026



## Club Clothing



We have some items in stock priced as below but new stock may be subject to a small price rise.

End of stock 1 only Grey Baseball cap £5.75 Black Baseball caps £6,

Sweat Shirts navy L, dark & light grey M, L, XL £15:

Long Sleeve Polo navy M, green S, M, L £15: Short sleeve Polo green, maroon, dark grey £12:

Boiler suit, green, studs 40" £17: Long sleeve fleece grey, green £25:

Lightweight Body warmer medium navy £14. Poplin shirt, grey 16 1/2" collar £15.

Phone Viv to reserve or 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.



Don't forget to buy your tickets for a chance to win a 1956 International B250 for £1. Tickets can be bought from David Mycock, Matthew Hoy or NVTEC-EA. The draw will be held at the Working Weekend on Sunday September 3rd. Supporting charity Moth in a China Shop.

For Membership Matters please contact Mrs Chris Hunt at 14, The Paddocks, Downham Market, Norfolk, PE38 9JA or email your update to: [membersh ip@nvtec-ea.org.uk](mailto:membersh ip@nvtec-ea.org.uk) or telephone 01366388907

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# Diary Dates

Hockwold Country Fair Sunday June 4th at Wilton Farm. Adults £3.50 contact Judy Webb on judith.webb127@btinternet.com

Brian's 80th Birthday Tractor Road Run & Vintage Fayre at Briston NR24 2PS Come and enjoy the day on Sunday June 11th 10am-4pm 80 Tractors, steam cars, stationary engines, stalls etc. Donations for prostate cancer All entries are full. Contact Brian Cottrell 01263 711096

**St Botolphs Vintage Tractor Road Run**, Manor Farm Grimston Sunday June 18th Tractors to meet by 10.00am to set off at 10.30am. Route will head for Great Massingham, through Harpley to Anmer, on to Sandringham before returning to Grimston via Hillington at around 2.30pm, approximately 22 miles. A free packed lunch will be provided by the organisers, on Massingham Green. Bacon butties, coffee and tea will be available by 10.00am before the run starts. Family afternoon from 2.30pm at Manor Farm with farm machinery, steam traction, stalls and attractions, hog roast, strawberries and cream, a beer tent and BBQ. Details and entry forms from organiser Roger Coe at Manor Farm, Grimston, King's Lynn, PE32 1BG, telephone 07739 892141

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Holbeach Town & Country Fayre 17th & 18th June contact: engines 07724075762, Craft 01406423815 Tractors: Barry Disdel 07850283109 Road Run Saturday evening

Long Melford Vintage Rally July 1st & 2nd contact: Morton 01787371843

Hilgay Vintage & Country Show August 5/ 6th contact: P. Bates 01366387988

Starting Handle Club Summer Show August 12th & 13th contact: Michael Curtis 01508550293

Lincoln Steam & Vintage Rally 19th & 20th 01507605937

Earls Barton Rally & Country Fair 26th, 27th & 28th August contact Mark Dalstenne 07513306093

Boston Steam & Vintage Festival 2nd & 3rd September 01205366018

Haddenham Steam Rally 9th & 10th September 01487842771

Little Casterton Working Weekend 6th & 17th September

Sandringham Game & Country Show September 9th & 10th contact Clive Richardson 07789266423

Tony's Trosh Harvesting & Ploughing Through the Ages 16th & 17th September 11am to 5pm each day. Come and help with the harvest. Usual vintage displays and tractor runs, car boot and dog show. Fields off Litcham Road between Gressenhall and Litcham, NR19 2RJ Entry/parking £5, car boot pitch £5 contact Tony Hood 01362687963 or Kevin Roye 01362684213

Tracks & Steel Wheels, October 8th Venue to be decided. Contact Neville Websdale : 07881805368

Newark 11th & 12th November featuring 100 years of Fordson & Ford for entry forms tel: 01636705796 For enquiries re: Club Stand please contact Gordon Carson 07860658767

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## 2nd & 3rd September 2017 Working Weekend & Ploughing Match

This venue is by kind permission of Hugh Mason Smeeth Farm, Beechamwell, off A1122) Swaffham PE33 9DL

The raffle draw will take place on Sunday 3rd September

Experience the real working environment  
Get help from knowledgeable people  
Enjoy the experience without pressure  
Or test your skills against others in the ploughing match. A trophy will be awarded to the winner



Camping and refreshments on site.  
Donations for charity MIACS reg: no: 1164937 All entries to be covered by a Public Liability Policy

For entry forms and further information contact the organiser :

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[www.nvtec-ea.org.uk](http://www.nvtec-ea.org.uk)



### JCB Factory Visit – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Meet at D & H Harrod Coaches Ltd, Bexwell, Aerodrome, Downham Market, Norfolk, PE38 9LV ready to leave at 7:00am sharp, returning between 4:30pm – 5:30pm. For just £50 per head you get the coach ride, refreshments on arrival, a 2-course lunch and the tour itself which lasts 2 1/2 hours. Payment to NVTEC-EA via Gordon Carson when booking please.

During the JCB Factory Tour visitors have a unique opportunity to see the world famous JCB Backhoe loader production line. The visit involves entering a fully operational factory where Health & Safety is paramount to ensure all guests have a fantastic experience.

- The duration of JCB's Factory Tour covers nearly 3 miles therefore individuals with walking difficulties may find the tour unsuitable. - JCB is a wheelchair friendly site, however your Tour Guide is responsible for the welfare of the entire group and as such, we ask anyone in a wheelchair to organise their own assistance within the group, if they are unable to manoeuvre themselves. - In order to participate in the Factory Tour, it is essential ALL visitors wear closed toe shoes, failure to do so will result in the individual being unable to participate in the factory tour. JCB will provide all other PPE on site (Hi Viz, glasses & ear protection). - ALL visitors must be 15 years old or over. - A short part of the tour requires guests to walk outside therefore appropriate clothing for the weather conditions should be worn. - NO photography is permitted during the factory tour, however is permitted in the Story of JCB. - Instructions by the Tour Guide are final and must be adhered to. - No food or drink can be consumed on site unless pre-booked as part of a Tour Package. - Please arrive as per the time on your confirmation timetable, there are no waiting facilities prior to your tour. - On arrival at the VIP Visitor Centre, each guest should state their event reference and/or the event name (as detailed in this email header). - There are no storage facilities for coats & bags on site so we advise guests leave any items they do not wish to carry around the tour in their vehicles.

Holkham Country Fair 22nd 23rd July 2017 The event shares the weekend with the Tom Jones Concert to be held on a different site within the estate. There is still room for entries for tractors and engines. Entry forms available from Ted Gray, contact: 01553617653 or email: [kalf2@btinternet.com](mailto:kalf2@btinternet.com)





## The 25th Bygone and Organ Extravaganza

It was held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March at the village hall in Little Downham. Approximately, 90 exhibitors attended with a huge range of different vintage collections and items. The hall was full with static displays including hand tools, pressure lamps, household items and collections of china, petrolmania, skates and much more. In addition, there were about 20 hand cranked organs and a live spinning demonstration. Outside in the carpark classic cars and commercials were to be found with a number of large organs. Each organ played I turn to create a unique atmosphere. Owing to a reduction in area tractors, engines and steam engines of all sizes were situated at the front of the neighbouring school. A full sized steam engine was parked at the front of the hall. This seemed to work well and gave passers by an additional reason to visit the hall. The afternoon was very busy and a lively trade in teas and refreshments was available. At the conclusion of the afternoon a huge raffle took place with dozens of varied prizes all donated locally. All exhibitors were invited to an afternoon tea before departing. The event raised a total of £1,593 for MAGPAS. Great credit to the organisers Linda and Trevor Brown and helpers for putting on such a great show.

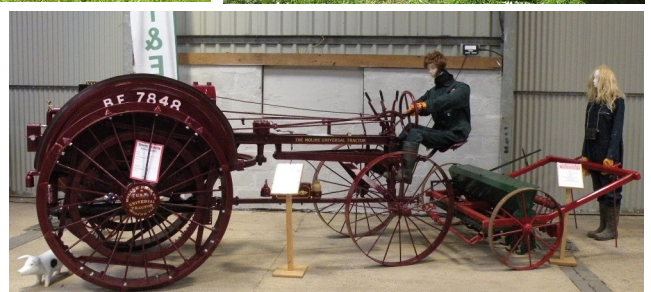
The event will be held 24<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Do give your support. Ted Gray

Pictures by Ralph Thompson



## Tractor World 2017

Well the 2017 season certainly started in style, despite storm Doris hitting the country on Thursday the weather was appalling but lucky for us Friday was a different world. Me and Jayne met up with Jim, Mel, Matthew and Cheryl in Guyhirn for the journey across to the Three Counties Showground at the bottom of the Malvern Hills. On arrival about 1:00pm we checked in and went off to our normal spot. Although we booked 20m we were only allocated 12m so we thought we might just struggle to fit it all in. However, after a quick chat with the head steward he soon got us sorted out so thank you for that. Despite us not being all in one line, I think it made a very good display? We took along the 1917 Moline Model C Universal petrol/TVO tractor, reg: BF 7848 along with a J Gibbs 16 coulter wooden drill built in early 1900 in Bedford, Middlesex. We also took along a 1961/62 International B275 with white wheels which came from just down the road from me and was owned by the dad of a good friend, Mr Harpley from Walpole St Andrew, Cambs who confirms it always had white wheels. Matthew brought along the B250 raffle tractor, reg: 808 UXM and Stuart Bailey's Fordson was reg: 507 UXM. The B250 has kindly been donated by Maurice Mason Ltd for us to raffle off for the Moth in a China Shop charity. A Mr Ernest John Foot came along who informed us that he was the first man to drive a B250 in Dorset back in 1953 when he was just 17. Jim and Mel Wakefield put on a great horticultural display with a selection of hand tools, an Allen & Simmonds auto cultio junior 1930 straight petrol and a second Allen & Simmonds auto cultio 1927 which is also straight petrol. Stuart Bailey brought along his last years show winner at Newark, his 1946 Fordson Major E27N petrol/TVO ref: 507 UXM. Lastly Peter Rash travelled over 10 hours from Scotland to show his 1963 Massey Ferguson 35X diesel tractor, reg: 677 NDV. Now that is what I call dedication from a club member.



There are some great displays being put on by several club stands at the shows with a lot of work being put into them. Leominster again won Best Club Stand so congratulations to them. We did get second in class one coming second to Henry Dixons Fordson N 1933 petrol/TVO fully restored tractor. The standard of restoration seems to get higher each year. One that caught my eye was a Massey Ferguson 35 High-Clear that came from the Paul Rackham Collection but has been fully restored. It was simply stunning and had been fitted with an old but restored sprayer which was a real credit to the McDonald family. As always, many club members and people we have got to know over the years called by and had a cup of tea with us so thank you all for your time. Thanks to all who helped over the weekend to make it a great show and a great weekend. Gordon Carson

