



The Junior Club gives hope for the future



at Stradsett Park Vintage Rally 2017



The Junior Club, now in its 4th year, opened the show on Sunday April 30th with a ring display of hand tools and horticultural machines. Nerves were soon put aside as they were interviewed by Alan Creasey and then proudly received their rosettes and tractor models. Club chairman, Henry Howlett congratulated each one with a handshake. The weather held good over the two days and once again the rally was well supported by the public giving a great family day out.



Left to right:

the stone crushing crew as part of the Working Area take a rest, Nick Ewer with his 1917 Whiting Bull on parade and running well, Mike Wilkin's 1914 Amanco Hired Man, a family enjoying their day out with a picnic, Chris Stone with his 1936 Bamford OV1, 5hp driving a 1927 Bamford Mill, Peter Copeman's 1901 'Hermit' originally used for thrashing, and Philip Fincham with his rare early 1960's Allis Chalmers HD3, a prototype being the only 1 in the country.



Attaching the water pipe to the 'mole'.



Early Preparations

Since the first Stradsett Park Vintage Rally was held in 1965 with £600 in the kitty much has changed and each year further changes are made which most people are unaware of. In early March this year Gordon and Terry Myhill were out on the rally field laying a new water pipe and David Askew was busy making preparations to keep the tracks in good condition for the expected volume of traffic.

Gordon filling in the dug hole



David Askew was rolling hard core on the roadways.



Terry drawing the pipe underground.

The weather during the month preceding the rally was dry and we all breathed a sigh of relief having experienced the difficulties from the previous wet year. Gordon worked diligently throughout the year, planning, organising and giving out information at committee meetings. All angles were covered and it was only the weather that could not be pre-arranged. However, the day dawned bright and clear on Sunday to herald the start of the show. The day went well and helpers and exhibitors queued up for the evening hog roast. Janet and John were at last able to relax and enjoy their meal. Some early morning rain on Monday was soon blown away on a brisk breeze and the visitors were able to enjoy a good day at Stradsett Park.



The 42 F Air Cadets lead by Pauline Petch once again did a sterling job out on the public car park.

Whilst Janet and John had a long vigil keeping things under control at the exhibitors' entrance.

Both can be thankless tasks but oh so necessary.



And, of course, every show relies on the stewards to fulfil their roles which help to keep the visiting public safe when large vehicles or heavy horses are on the move. Apart from committee members there are numerous 'Friends of Stradsett' who help in this very important way and we are always looking for more helpers. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Gordon or any of the committee members.

Below: Malcolm Mycock with Kath Fletcher, Alan Whitman, Malcolm Bush with Jon Moulis



The theme of the rally was 'Spreaders and Sprayers'. With 32 trophies to be won the standard of the exhibits was high. Mick Baker with his Meccano Models in the Bygoness section had made a muck spreader, taking 'a day in the shed' to complete. All his models were moving, quite impressive. His display earned him the Sir Jeremy and Lady Bagge Salver for Best Bygone Exhibit.



Left: This is only part of the extensive display by T. & L. Brown of Household Bygoness which won the Papworth Trophy for Best Exhibit on Site. A nostalgic look back in time with items I could well remember being used at home when I was a child.



Below: Dean Smith's 1913 Bentall open crank with Bentall roller mill and plate mill

Moving around the rally field there was much to see, old friends to meet up with, first time participants and tales of discovery which I find very interesting.

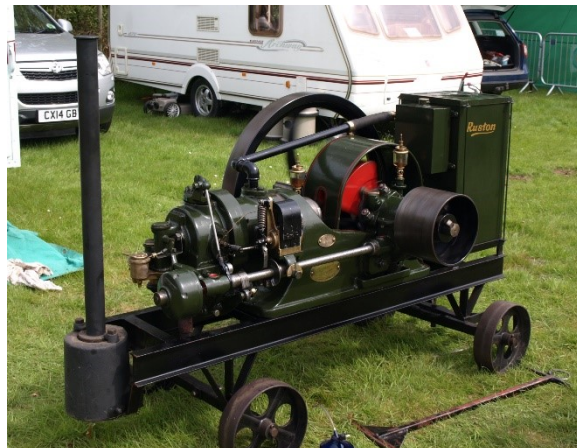
Left: Gordon Cole celebrated his 60th birthday along with his first visit to Stradsett. Shown here with his rare single fly wheel 1925 Lister B.



Above: John Germemey with his 1930 John Deere E. John was once secretary and newsletter editor of our club

Left: Ted Maile with his Wolseley WD2 driving a wood turning lathe. Ted made a roller for his friend to ease the tendons in his foot.

Below: John Woodhead's 1922 Ruston Hornsby model 1P 5hp supplid to Duke & Ockenden Ltd Ferry Wharf Works West Sussex



Stationary Engines



Steward David Mycock organised an impressive and interesting display of over 148 Stationary Engines. Showing a variety of working uses.

Trophy Winners: Left: Brian Long won the trophy for Best Powered Use of an Engine with his 1909 Wisconsa P.E.P. 1.5hp manufactured by Termaat & Monahan, Wisconsin USA

Right: Shane Marrow and Jimmy Rudd's 1927 Lister L won the Jack Beeken Cup for Best Stationary Engine.

below right: Junior Club Member George Collison won Best Unrestored Engine with his Villiers Mk 25



George Willet won the Thompson Trophy for the Engine the Judges would most like to own with his 1924 Ruston and Hornsby 5.5hp class AP owned since 2014 running a C.J. driver

pump. This engine started life at the Beverley Wagon Works Ltd in Yorkshire. It is all original apart from the arm which operates the inlet valve. George bought it at auction, stripped it out and re-painted it.



right: Junior Club Member Sam Taylor won Best Junior Engine any year with his 1944 Wolseley WD 1/11 running a Lister Water Pump that he's owned for 6 years and restored with the help of his dad.



Best Motorcycle

Winner of the Shell Tankard for Best Motorcycle was Gavin Chapman with his Honda, Big Red



Judy Webb and Ian Long did a great job in organising over 40 Commercials, over 100 Classic Cars and 57 Motorcycles to give great line-ups that are always interesting for the visitors.

Judy's Stewards Choice Winners were: Austin Blake's 1961 Vauxhall Victor, Robert Townsends 1979 Bedford TK and Peter Howard's 1959 AJS with side car.



Horticultural Winners

left, G. Chapman's Martin Truck Model won Best Restored Machine and right: J. Eyres won Best Exhibit with his 1965 Gutbrod 1030

There were 25 entries for this section which was Stewarded by Reg Fletcher and his assistant Malcolm Bush



...and Steam



Stewarded by Matthew Hoy had 9 full size steamers and 9 miniature steamers, quite an attraction. left: Winner of the Best Miniature Steam Engine. John Hyde with 'Tiger' a 10 year old , 3/4 ton 4" scale Garrett that he's owned from brand new and it still looks new. With grand children Zoe and Jamie who have been driving since they were 10 years old there is a team effort to keep 'Tiger' looking good.

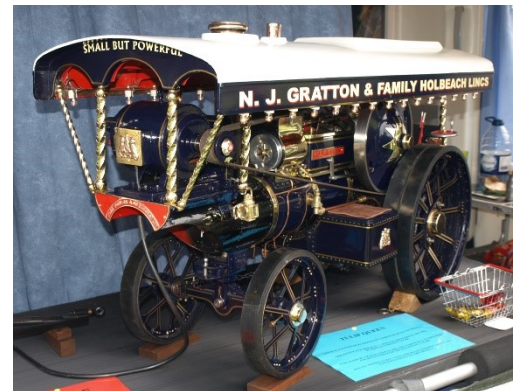
Right: Richard Parrott with Matthew and his mum, Diane with the winner of the Best Steam Engine in Show. This



1877 Burrell, 'Century' is believed to be the oldest working Burrell in existence. Mr Parrott has owned 'Century' since 1972 when it was bought in a derelict state. His family have been working with steam for the past 160 years and had 3 at a time on his grandfathers farm at Thetford. Sadly, he told me, his grandfather scrapped them. Mr Parrott now owns 6 engines on his farm at Weeting. Matthew is a steam apprentice and the Traction Engine Club hold steam apprentice weekends for 10 to 21 year olds.



left: Winner of the Best Classic Car, D. Richardson's Morris Traveller right: Ted Gray, Steward for 30 Bygone displays selected Nick Gratton and his 2" scale model of a Fowler R3 Showmans Road Locomotive, 'Tulip Queen' for his Stewards Choice.



Below left: A.E. Bower-lowe's 1912 Phoenix 11.9hp. In 1924 it was found in a dyke and restored. Adam has owned it for 13 months after buying it from his Aunt after the death of his uncle. Capable of 28mpg with top speed of 27mph.



Right: David Betts 1968 MGC Roadster , 3 litre 22mpg owned for 2 years.

below left: Stephanie Brastee working on a lace wedding garter which has taken her 20 hours so far.



Below right: Winner of the Chalkline Perpetual Cup for Best Commercial was Trevor Williams with his 1923 Ford Model T truck, an American design with 2 speed transmission, 25/30mph Trevor saw it when on holiday in Pennsylvania 3 years ago and he just had to have it.



Tractor Winners



Once again Reg Fletcher organised an impressive display of tractors, including a section for pre 1950 tractors, a great line-up of 100 years old Fordson models, a Crawler Section, and following the theme of this year a section for Spreaders and Sprayers. There was the usual Working Area and 5 Club Stands. S. Bush won the Grace Beba Trophy for Best Steel Wheeled Tractor with his 1936 Fordson N. T. Fox won the Peter Clarke Trophy for Best Concours Tractor Any Make



Oliver and Austin West both worked on their 1919 Case L to restore it winning the trophy for NVTEC-EA Class Award for Best Tractor Any Make 1900–1929

Terry Myhill won the Hill & Osbourne Trophy for Best Unrestored John Deere with his 1960 John Deere 830



R. Plumtree won NVTEC-EA Award for Best Restored Fordson Tractor with his 1952 Fordson Major

A. Dickenson won the Pat Farr Trophy for Best Series 3 Field Marshall with his 1945 Marshall M



S. Durant won NVTEC-EA Class Award for Best Tractor Any Make 1930—1939 with his 1937 Ferguson Brown A

M. Stearman won the NVTEC-EA trophy for Best Restored International Trophy with his 1958 I.N B250

A. Thorpe won Best Unrestored Fordson Tractor with his 1947 Fordson E27N





Bryan Beba and Gordon Carson won NVTEC-EA Class Award for Any Tractor with their 1958 Fordson E1A

Stuart Bailey won NVTEC-EA Class Award for Best tractor Any make with his 1946 Fordson E27N



David Disdel won the John Deere Trophy for Best Restored John Deere with his 1942 John Deere A

NJ. Brown won the S.K.Rudd Memorial Cup for Best Restored Tractor Any Make 1960 Onwards with his 1964 Country Super Six



K. Haycock won Waldersey Farms Trophy for Best Ferguson 1935 Onwards with his 1966 Massey Ferguson 135

Neville Websdale won the Neville Ship Trophy for Best Crawler Any Make Any Year with his 1942 David Brown D84



Peter Alflatt won the Trophy for Best International Harvester with his 1941 Farmall shown here with Spreader

Jon Moulis won the Hylton Gott Trophy for Best Unrestored Tractor Any make with his 1972 Ford 700. John has worked this tractor since new and became joint owner in 1983. He was delighted to be a winner for the first time in all his years of exhibiting at Stradsett



More Tractors



Not a winner but Ros Lakey took over the responsibility of recording all the winners this year and what an excellent job she did. A job I was pleased to relinquish, so thank you Ros! Ros is shown here just leaving the ring with her 1956 Ferguson TEF20

left P. Price with his 1949 Skoda 30



Oliver West with his 1917 Titan 10-20

David West with his 1919 Austin R



R. Pope with his 1949 Ferguson TEP3

Wayne Mitchell with his 1947 Case VAC



R. Thulbourne's 1948 Ferguson TE20



I. Fordham with his 1936 Lanz Bulldog and Michael Hart



In The Ring

Commentator Michael Hart showed his knowledge and expertise in the ring. Shown here with winning tractor belonging to A. Thorpe. Also on parade: S. Edwards with his 1943 Caterpillar D8, Crawlers on parade, J. Hazelhurst with his 1904 Wallis and Stevens Engine, Will Clulee and his amazing Working Spaniels, the Head Horseman at Banham Zoo Matt Bundock with his 12 year old home bred Suffolk Punch, Riley pulling a restored timber wagon, probably half a ton loaded. Matt gave an informative talk comparing the Suffolks to the Shires, Heidi Allen on the long reins with her 6 year old Shire, Samson and in the line-up below Derek Spanton's 18 year old Shire Herbie



Photographs on this page by Ian Long, Judy Webb, Rachel Hurcomb and Viv Gray



Out and About



The Working Area included P. Caley's 1947 Threshing Set, N. Ayres Stone Crusher and Allis Chalmers U, D. Kirk's Rack Saw Bench M. Mycock's Ferguson Saw Bench and S. Bruce's 1963 M.F. 35 X



The Norfolk Military Vehicle Group put on an excellent display stewarded by Gordon Carson.



Newman Smith was Vice-Chairman in 1994 when the club held their first Stradsett Rally when there were 93 Tractors, 115 Stationary Engines and 6 Horticultural machines. And £600 in the kitty to run the rally.



And for the children

Left: Joshua Bird enjoying his photo shoot on a 1919 Austin belonging to Gordon and Bryan Beba

The Climbing Tower, Fun Rides and lambs provide entertainment for young ones. 14 month old James Lewis loves his tractors, no surprise really as his dad is farmer Tom Lewis.



Mini Tractor Pulling



Medals were awarded to 2 junior tractor pullers Charlie Brett-Reynolds and Charlie Bailey (see below with Chairman Henry Howlett) both completed 4 full pulls. Joe Jorden is seen on the left with his mini puller that he and his mate Bruce made. They pulled about 10 times over the weekend. Alec Crisp is the chairman of the club.



After a year of planning the two rally days were over quickly and everybody involved felt the weariness resulting from intense activity. However I'm sure there was also a great sense of fulfilment in having taken an essential part in a very successful rally. There are always the congratulatory comments from visitor friends which are in themselves pleasing to hear but especially good is when people who have been involved with rallies and vintage vehicles take the trouble to put pen to paper. Here is an email sent to me by David West.



Dear Viv

Congratulations on a very successful and entertaining show. Well done to Gordon and the whole organising team, your efforts paid off, we would say your best show yet. How will you be able to top it, space is running out!!

We thank you all for providing a very good site and a nationally recognised event that exhibitors and spectators are travelling further and further to attend and see. The club stands are a great feature, Ford, Fordson or area groups and a spot for members to congregate. The Ford and Fordson Section created a lot of interest with models from the first to latest. I have been to other Ford 100 year celebrations already this year but Stradsett had the most early tractors on show, pre cabbled models that is.

I did not have time to see all the stationary engines and was concerned about the metal fencing, but as a spectator I thought it worked well.

We hope that there was a good profit from your efforts for the chosen charities, a fitting reward for all your hard work.

Thank you again from the West Family.

100 Years of Fordson Tractors

An interesting line-up of over 60 Fordson Tractors dating from 1917 with a Fordson F owned by J. Coward to one of the last Fords, a 1995 Fordson 8340 owned by Neil Ayres. Junior Club member Finley Creasey enjoying his photo shoot on his dad's 1941 Fordson N Industrial RAF with heater trolley that he finished restoring on the Friday preceding the rally, just in time to take part in the Fordson line-up.



Aerial shots by Andrew Bennett



Spreaders & Sprayers



A Brief Insight to Stradsett Rally 2017



Ted Gray and assistant Bob Withers organised 80 Trade Stands that provided a great shopping experience for visitors. Below: MP Liz Truss has a chuckle with Mind Reader Dan Philmann who fronted the Forever Living trade stand, photographed by Rachel Hurcomb.



The Trophy presentation organised efficiently by Ros Lakey was carried out by Alfred Bagge with support from Henry Howlett.



The 41st Stradsett Park Vintage Rally was held over the May bank holiday weekend, 30th April & 1st May. This year the rally field, exhibitors camping area and public car park was good and dry so it was much easier than 2016. This prevented the long queues getting in and out, in fact there was no delay at all. The exhibitors were arriving from mid-morning on the Friday and all ran smoothly so it was all looking good. The quality of exhibits seems to get better each year and I cannot thank them all enough it's just amazing. They turn up, do what they've been asked to do, load up and go home, what more could we ask for. Our theme this year was sprayers and spreaders, Reg again put on a great display and the 2018 theme is going to be crop establishment, so get your seed drills and planters out ready. Normally the theme section goes around the ring last but 2018 will be different. After the 2016 rally we had a meeting and agreed to scale back a bit by restricting the number of exhibitors, however we were so overwhelmed by people wanting to come in the end we finished up with many more than 2016, making 2017 the biggest Stradsett rally ever. All the sections put on a fantastic display, David Mycock had a vast array of stationary engines, Reg Fletcher with a superb display of tractors, crawlers and Horticultural machines and sprayers and spreaders, Judy Webb was in charge of the great display of cars, commercial and motor cycles, and Matthew Hoy impressed us with the display of full size and miniature steam engines, The ex-military is my department but I cannot take the credit for the brilliant display they put on as a group, I thank them all. The club stands this year had a new position and what a display they put on, we had eight club stands in a line and they looked great. Ted Gray, helped by his good friend Bob Withers, put the finishing touches with approximately 80 trade stands selling a wide variety of goods and by-gones showing some great old exhibits and vintage caravans. I hope everyone would agree we had a good selection of catering stands again this year. New for 2017 was the opening parade of Junior Club members organised by Viv Gray and also Mini Tractor Pulling and what a show they put on, from the youngsters right up to our chairman Henry Howlett. The working area was again organised by Peter Caley and looked great with some good feedback. A lot of work goes into all this and they are a great bunch. The Kings Lynn air cadets looked after by Pauline Petch, looked after the public car park and they did a superb job. Thanks to all our sponsors, Alfred Bagge and his family, all the friends of Stradsett, the committee and all their families. I feel our 2017 rally was a good year and now working on our 2018 show.

Gordon Carson Rally Organiser

Editor: Viv Gray. Thank you for all contributions to this supplement which I hope you enjoy. There are many more pictures on our web site. nvttec-eagroup.org.uk



Alfred Bagge presenting trophies to Neville Webster, Terry Myhill, Jon Moulis, Gordon Carson and Shane Marrows