



MARCH 2018

VINTAGE TORQUE

PRESERVING THE PAST FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

The National Vintage Tractor & Engine Club Donate £17,128.81 to local charities.



On Thursday 16th November 2017, the National Vintage Tractor & Engine Club East Anglia group held their AGM at Ryston Park Golf Club near Downham Market. This year was one of the best attended AGM I have ever seen. Whilst the club is not a charity we run events throughout the year to raise money for local charities and the support from our members and the public is just amazing. In 2017 we again held the Stradsett Park Vintage Rally which was held over the first bank holiday in May. From this, we donated £5,000 to the East Anglian Air Ambulance, £1,000 to the West Norfolk RSPCA, £1,000 to Scotties Little Soldiers, £1,000 to the Norfolk and Waveney Prostate Cancer support group and £1,000 to the Big C Cancer Support Information Centre. We then

also donated £2,340 to the East Anglia Air Ambulance from our Vintage Tractor road run held on 2nd April 2017. Lastly, we donated £5,788.81 to the Moth in a China Shop which was the proceeds from over a yearlong tractor raffle to win an International B250 and the donations from our vintage tractor working weekend held in September 2017. Pictures from all these events can be seen on our website at www.nvtec.ea.org.uk. The meeting started at 7:30pm and after the committee had been re-elected the chairman Henry Howlett asked for any new volunteers to join the committee and 3 new members were proposed and seconded which is what the club needs to keep moving forward. Congratulations must go to all who help support these events to raise such a great sum of money for local charities.

Gordon Carson
NVTEC - EA



Vintage Tractor Charity Road Run

Sunday 1st April 2018

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 31st March until 10am on Monday 2nd April.

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.



For Entry and Sponsorship Forms Contact

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Or Download Them From www.nvtec-ea.org.uk

Supporting Registered Charity 1083876



Sun 6th & Mon 7th May 2018

42nd Stradsett Park Vintage Rally

Steam Engines - Mini Tractor Pulling - Dogs Welcome



A Great Day Out Supporting Local Charities

Adults £7.50 & Children Under 16 Free

2018 Theme: Crop Establishment &

100 Years of John Deere



Catering - Fairground - Ring Displays - Trade Stands

www.nvtec-ea.org.uk

Pre-Booked Exhibits Only

Where The A134 Crosses The A1122
East Of Downham Market, PE33 9HA



Stradsett Park Vintage Rally will go ahead as normal



The National Vintage Tractor and Engine Club East Anglia group have been putting on a vintage rally since 1974. However, we thought our 2017 was to be the last due to the site being lost over rising costs. I am very proud of both our committee and the estate owners Alfred and Charlotte Bagge for both compromising and agreeing so that this great annual event can continue. The 2018 show may just be the best year ever providing the weather is in our favour. Our new entry form went on the internet on Sunday 3rd December 2017 and by the Wednesday we had 10 entries. It's just great to see we still have the support of our exhibitors. The rally is run by volunteers and the profits go to local charities so please support us. The cost is the same with adults being just £7.50 and children under 16 are free. Once you are in the rest is up to you with over 80 trade stalls to look around, over 300 veterans, vintage, classic and modern tractors, horticultural machines and displays, vintage and classic cars and commercials, heavy horses, full size and miniature steam engines, bygone displays, ex-military, club displays, mini tractor pulling,



fairground rides, licenced bar and entertainment, great selection of catering, large display of stationary engines and ring displays. All this in one of the best settings you will find in East Anglia when the sun is shining, music playing, steam engines silently ticking over and the smell of TVO when the old Petrol/TVO tractors go around the ring it is just a wonderful day out. Come along and just admire the work and love that goes in to keeping these old pieces of history

looking and sounding good. Please talk to the owner as they will be only too pleased to tell you all about their hobby. If you need to know more, please go to NVTEC-EA.org.uk where you can look through photographs of previous rallies or even join our club. But whatever you do come along and have a great day out.



Gordon Carson
Rally Organiser
NVTEC-EA

Hi Everyone

A very belated Happy New Year.

As its 2018 now you will be aware that you should have sent me your membership fees if you have not you will get a letter with this magazine asking for your membership payment, that means you have not sent it back to me for 2018.

Please tell your friends about the NVTEC and get them to join, it really is a good hobby to have and is very friendly, with lots going on, Stradsett, the road run and ploughing weekend and that's only a small part.

To All those who have not been well keep your chin up we will be thinking of you. Please let me know if any of our members have passed on, we like to send a card if we know.

To find a membership form look on the internet for NVTEC east Anglia and follow the link. emailmembership@nvtec-ea.org.uk

Chris Hunt



Important Reminder to All Club Members.

Dear all,

Whilst I enjoy writing a few articles for our Vintage Torque and other magazines we need your input. Please, if you could all take some photos and write a few words about whatever you have exhibited or even something that's caught your eye that would be great.

Send them in to Jane Loveday truereflections77@yahoo.co.uk and she will do the rest. Go on, what have you got to lose.

Thank you all
Gordon Carson NVTEC-EA

The Newark Vintage Tractor and Heritage Show 2017

The Newark show has become the last major event in the year for most of us. This year we again had our club stand in the Lady Eastwood centre and what a great building it is. The support again this year and from club members was just great. We started with Wayne Michell with his Case VAC 1947 who went on to win best Case. Then we should have had the West's Case L 1929 but as it was on steel spuds and we could not get the lorry in due to other stands, etc, we could not run this on the nice new floor so unfortunately, they had to put it in the marquee in front of the George Stephenson Hall. However, they did win best pre-1930 tractor with it. Bryan and I took along the new



Fordson 7V built in 1948. This four-wheel 5-ton lorry is fitted with a V8 petrol engine and a four-speed gear box. We also took a Fordson Model N Built in 1939 and a Massey Harris 33 built in 1954 which is fitted with four-cylinder continental petrol engine. We did take the 1945 Marshall model M but that went on to the Carrington club stand as it won best tractor in the show at this year's Carrington



rally (2017). Fred Rudd brought along his trusty steed 1954, Malcom Bush was showing off his John Deere model E engine built in 1930, Ricky Kemp had his Jaguar type S built in 1926 and looking good Ricky also won with another engine that he was running out side. James Coward brought us his Fordson model F built in 1927 but this also was on steels, but we managed to back his trailer in and with help from us all we managed to get it on the stand safely. Matthew and Cheryl brought us a Fordson N 1938 which started and ran well, Mr Grahame Bacon from Norfolk brought along just a small amount of his black smith tools



and horse shoes from the 1900's. That just leaves Stuart Bailey with his Fordson Major 1946 E27N. This was the tractor used on all the promotional flyers etc including the 2017 programme front cover so well-done Stuart you should be proud. This year there were even more club stands and I can see us very quickly out growing the new building. Jim and Mel Wakefield were again in charge of the Horticultural section and went on to win with their 1961 Auto Culto Midgi Culto. The show has certainly grown over the years and is generally a good weekend for all. This year the weather was again very kind to us, not only over the weekend but for taking and collecting on the Thursday, Friday and the Monday. The Sunday morning remembrance service has also become a big part of the show a credit to all involved in such a great cause. We are all so fortunate to be able to go to shows such as this and show of our Vintage machinery just as a hobby. In the big marquee there was a great display of Ford and Fordsons but there was also a great display of Massey Fergusons and Massey Harris in a marquee next to the George Stephen hall. The standard of the restorations today are just amazing, for example the two David Browns in the George Stephenson hall with the cabs on, well the work, the time, the dedication, the cost let alone the wife just outstanding and a real credit to all. Thanks to all who helped and supported our club stand.

Gordon Carson
NVTEC-EA



NVTEC-EA Working Weekend 2017



No sooner does the season start than it seems to be all over. The club held its last event for 2017 over the weekend of the 1st and 2nd September. David Mycock was again the main event organiser with the help of his wife Clare and Matthew Hoy. Mr Hugh Mason again allowed us the use of roughly 100 acres to hold this annual event. On behalf of the club and all involved we thank him and his team as such events rely on kind hearted people such as Mr Mason. Mr Chris Legg had allowed our club to raffle off a 1956 International B250. David and Clare have taken this to many rallies throughout the year selling raffle tickets. David's mum Carol Mycock, Clare Mycock, Debbie Curry and others have been brilliant in standing with the tractor selling the raffle tickets so we certainly owe them our gratitude. People don't realise the dedication required and the responsibility of selling raffle tickets so I thank all who helped and all who have supported us by buying ticket. The winning ticket was pulled out on Sunday 2nd September by Mrs Jacky Mason and the lucky winner was Mr Robinson from Methwell Hythe so congratulations to you. We do hope you enjoy your new machine. Between the working weekend and the raffle, the club has raised an amazing total of £5788.81 for the 'Moth in a China Shop' charity so very well done to everybody who took part.

A special thank you to David who I know has put a lot of work into organising the weekend for club members to enjoy. The working weekend is held each year to give members a chance to try out their old machines and implements whether that's horticultural or standard tractors. Whilst we do have the ploughing competition which has different classes and they were won this year by

the following. Mounted - Mr Peter Carman, Modified - Mr David Curtis, Trailed - Mr Allan Newman and Horticultural - Mr Peter Dolman so very well done to you all. The majority of people come just to have a go and that's fine with us. If you have carried out an engine rebuild it can do them good to do a bit of work. This year we had over 70 attend the weekend which I believe is a credit to David and the club. There was a very good variety of working tractor but sadly only one steel wheeled tractor a 1917 Fordson model F owned by David Breten pulling a Ransomes no.3 motrac 2 furrow trailed plough. Peter Caley stands proudly with his recent purchase a nice 1957 original McCormick international standard BWD 6-cylinder diesel tractor pulling a lovely set of disc harrows.

While Allan Whiteman was working Peters 1952 Massey Harris 744 D with a spring tine drag looking proud as punch. Roy Grief was enjoying ploughing with his Caterpillar D2 1941 & 3 furrow trailed plough. Mathew Hoy was having a go with Gavin Chapmans Mercedes M B Trac built in 1984 pulling a none reversible mounted 5 furrow plough. Ian cable from the Downham Market young farmers was trying out his Zetor 721 I with a 2-furrow reversible plough. There was a great display of working horticultural exhibits which was great to see. Annie Bruce was smiling driving a Marshall pulling a trailed nine tine Ransome duck foot drag. It was great to see such a fine display of working exhibits. Thanks to all who supported this event and to all who helped. To see all the photos, visit www.NVTEC-EA.org.uk and then go to event gallery.

Gordon Carson
NVTEC-EA



Ted and Viv Gray Step Down After 32 Years

In 2017 the NVTEC-EA Group had a bit of a up and down year. All events went off well but there was to be some major changes within the committee. Non-more important than the retirement of Viv our newsletter editor and Ted our club secretary. Between the two they have given the club over 32 years of service to the degree I never knew the club even existed before 1999 and when I first joined they were a big part. Viv retiring was a big disappointment, but I could really see why no sooner one news letter is complete you are on to the next looking for new and exciting things to write about and print. Our newsletter is the best in the country thanks to Viv and of course all those who send in the articles. This is of course very important as you get a report on a show from someone with a completely different outlook, so please keep sending them to our new editor Jane. Viv took our newsletter from an A5 Black and White to an A4 8 -12-page full colour over the 12 years she kindly gave up her time to do this for the club. However, I will miss Ted and Viv, I become friendly with them both just before I took over the rally in 2012 but Ted & Viv have been a fantastic support and we would speak most weeks and meet up to discuss the rally and go down to the field measuring out to see what we can fit. I could not have asked for a better pair of friends and colleagues to have on my side. Ted stepping down after we lost the rally field really worried me as to how could I manage without him? However, in the end I met with him and Viv to present them with a gift from all the club members and I got the great impression that if I was to take on the rally again he might be willing to help us by being the trade steward. This was a great boost and that night we had our committee meeting and sorted out to go back to Stradsett. I spoke to Ted the next morning and over the weekend he agreed to be our trade steward again. This is great news for me, the club and the rally and I thank Ted and Viv for this. Viv and Ted have given me a few words they would like to say.

'We would like to thank all the club member for our gift. It will serve as a happy reminder of our years with the NVTEC-EA group. Ted will still be displaying his petrol can collection, so we are not disappearing altogether, wishing you all good health, a Happy Christmas and happy rallying in 2018.'

Viv & Ted Gray

I am sure I can speak for all of you in wishing Viv and Ted a happy retirement and thanking them for their years of excellent service to our club.

Gordon Carson
NVTEC-EA



Jim and Mel Wakefield cordially invite you to come and see their award winning gardens which will be open to the public on 24th June 10am to 5pm as part of the Wisbech St Mary open gardens.

This is an annual event showcasing creative and inspiring village gardens to enthusiastic gardeners and visitors raising money for local charities.

Gardens around the village will be open to visitors and most gardens are within easy walking distance to each other. They range from large open landscapes, wild flower meadows to container and cottage gardens including fruit and vegetable plots, a collection of over 300 cacti and succulents, on-line weather stations, ponds and water features, hens, a collection of vintage horticultural equipment, a private falconry collection, test your plant knowledge quizzes and lots more. Falconry flying displays at 11am & 2pm.

Refreshments are available at many gardens from morning coffee, lunch with homemade pizza cooked on a wood-fired outdoor oven, savoury delights to scrumptious home made cakes and afternoon teas. Entrance to all gardens is £4.50 including the falconry collection. Accompanied under 16s are free.

Stradsett Rally 2018

Please be reminded that the theme for this years rally is 100 years of John Deere Tractors and also Drills & Planters.

More entries for both would be appreciated.

Please Contact
Reg Fletcher on
rhino1511@yahoo.co.uk

Vintage Horticultural & Garden Machinery Working Day

Sunday 18th March 10.30am start Stanfield on B1145 Norfolk

Proceeds to East Anglian Air Ambulance

Contact Adrian Hall 01328 851571 or email stevenhall272@aol.com

This will be our 9th year and hope to make it bigger and better than ever. We have everything from push hoes, rotavators to match ploughing with classes for small walk behind, large walk behind and ride-ons. We also have Working Stationary engines, working horse and static displays. We like to encourage the smaller tillage machines by having a working play pen.

please find attached photo from last past event.

we raise over £800 every year for the East Anglian Air Ambulance last year was a good turn out by both public and working machines with such a variety and some unusual machines including 4 David Brown 2Ds working together ploughing, cultivating and drilling, 2 Rollo Croftmaster tractors, 2 Gunsmith mk1 and mk2, Garnet light and a good line of stationary engine as well as a busy play pen with rotavators tilling the land.



DIARY DATES

Strumpshaw - May 26th - 28th

contact Mike Curtis 01508 550293

Woolpit - June 2nd - 3rd

contact 01449 737443 - pre 1965 vehicles only

Hockwold Country Fair 3rd June

contact Judy Webb - 01366 728776 / 07895 787076

Euston Park June 10th

contact Adam Jerrold - 01359 269629

Journey through the ages, Palgrave

June 16th-17th - contact Thunder Burst Events,
Bybridge, Bacton, Suffolk IP14 4LX

Long Melford-July 7th-8th

contact Ron Felgett- 01473 712454

Weeting 20th-22nd July

contact 01842 810317

March Show - August 4th-5th

contact Dave 01709 589050 / 07952 249899

Little Ellingham Working Weekend

August 11th-12th

contact 01953 850238 / 07801 557640

Steels and Tracks charity Plough day

October 14th - contact Neville - 07881805368

NVTEC Membership and General Data Protection Regulations GDPR

These new regulations require we ensure you have given your consent to use your details and advise you as to how we use them.

Consent

When you have joined and / or renewed your membership you signed agreeing to you information being used to administer the club.

Use of your details.

1. The information is stored on a database which only the membership secretary has access to.
2. It is used to generate mailing labels for "Vintage Torque"
3. It is passed to Rivers Media for them to generate mailing labels for "Vaporizing".
4. It is passed to The National Treasurer for "National membership" and "Insurance" records.
PLEASE NOTE Items 3 and 4 above only apply to current paid up members.
5. If required your details may be passed to a group event organiser (Rally, Road Run, Working Weekend) to assist in administering the event.
6. It is not released to other members
• In the event of a member (e.g. Tom) wishing to contact another member (e.g. Bill) the membership secretary will contact Bill, inform him that Tom wants to speak to him and supply Tom's details.
Note only the membership secretary is authorised to respond to such requests.
7. All information relating to a member are deleted from our system 5 years after their last renewal date.

Well it's a new year so welcome back to the 13 members that have rejoined.

Can't wait to see you all at Stradsett and meet you all properly and introduce myself to you all.

If you know any more juniors that would like to join our club then persuade them to join, would be nice to have a few more members.

Debbie Curry

CLUB CLOTHING:

Please contact me for any new club clothing that is required, it can then be ordered and picked up at Stradsett rally.

Contact Debbie 07745484026 • currydeborah2@gmail.com

Christmas Party

A great time was had by all at the 2017 Christmas Party.

There will be a 2018 party not sure of venue yet but please contact Debbie currydeborah2@gmail.com to book your place.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Reece Harrison 26th April

Harvey Rutherford 26th April

Jacob Mycock 28th April

Jayden Gay 24th June

Logan Freear 5th July



Grimston Ploughing Match

This annual match organised by Bob Callaby was held on Sunday 18th February on land kindly provided by Rodger Coe.

All proceeds are donated to East Anglian Air Ambulance Charity.

It was a chilly but initially bright start to the morning's Ploughing but mid morning the sun must have run out as it disappeared and the temperature became 2 coats colder.

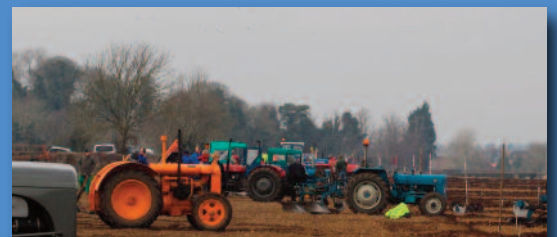
Approximately 40 ploughmen and 1 Plough lady took part in various classes and proceeded to turn the soil over and Plough to the best of their ability.

Around 2-00pm the plots were completed, judges scores totted up and competitors and spectators eagerly awaited the results.

Judy Webb

Winners on the day were

- Junior - Josh Bullard
- Lady - Jacqueline Thompson
- Horticultural - Ian Thompson
- Ferguson - Steve Arbon
- Vintage Mounted- Peter Coleman
- Classic Mounted- David Curtis
- Trailed - Max Cherry



I welcome you to the new rally season and isn't it great to be back at Stradsett for the next few years at least. The winter meetings have gone exceptionally well with talks on the local WW2 air bases and the Land Army and what the women did in the War. Thanks to Ian for organising these meetings.

Anyone contemplating doing the Road Run and who would be requiring lunch please note the venue for that is at the Heron, Stowbridge, please contact 01366 384147.

I hope that all your restorations are going to plan and will be ready for this season.

Please remember that any offers of help with Stradsett is always appreciated and if you can lend a hand please contact Gordon or myself or any Committee member.

I look forward to seeing you around.

Henry Howlett

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SATURDAY 24th March 2018**

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PLUS Bygones, vintage tractors, vintage cars, steam models and vintage motor bikes.

Open from 1pm till 5pm

Admission £2.50 child £2.00 or oap £2.00

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HOLT ROAD, NORTH ELMHAM

For more details contact

Neville: 07881 805368

In Aid Of Big C Centre No. 281730

Thank you to all who have contributed to this issue.

Please continue to send your stories and photographs for everyone to enjoy to truereflections77@yahoo.co.uk.

Many Thanks Jane Loveday - Vintage Torque (deadline for next issue 1st May)