



VINTAGE TORQUE

JUNE 2018

PRESERVING THE PAST FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

Stradsett Vintage Rally 2018

Well, what can I say, with the weather against them the organisers of Stradsett Vintage rally have again surpassed themselves.



It is clear to see that a huge amount of work goes into the weekend with months of preparation, whether it's booking in the vehicles, marking out the area or emptying the bins, it takes a lot of people pulling together to make the event happen, let alone run so smoothly.



The show is a great day out for all the family and remains great value for money with so much to do and see.

Thank you all for your hard work - Jane Loveday, Editor

Strawberries or Jam



Back in the early 1900s the strawberries in the Fens were a popular crop but were handpicked from the floor not from shelves like most of them today. Trevor Rawlings family from Wisbech St Mary grew strawberries and they were then sent to Manchester market. The lorry in the photo is a 1923 AEC loaded with the strawberries from a Sunday morning picking. Just admire how the lorry is loaded with punnets but note the solid wheels on the lorry. The question is by the time they arrived at Manchester market would they be strawberry's or jam.

Gordon Carson NVTEC-EA

STRADSETT 2018

Through the Newsletter may we give a very big thank you to everyone involved in this years show.

After all the earlier upset over the use of the magnificent site, this years show moved up another step in standards. It will be very difficult to better.

As exhibitors we could see some of the work carried out by all of the volunteers. We hope they take great satisfaction from the substantial monies generated.

It was a great show to be part of and of course the weather made it all that much better.

Well done everybody - The West Family

Easter Sunday East Anglian Road Run

On Sunday 1st April 2018 the NVTEC-EA Group held their annual vintage tractor road run. We again set off from Bryan and Julie Beba's at Walpole Highway, so we must thank them for the kind use of their superb facility's. This year David Askew and Peter Thorpe had organised the route so a big thank you to them both. It was a great ride round and there was even a couple of roads I had never been down, and I have lived around here for over 37 years so well done. My good friends Richard and Anola along with Peter Thorpe and myself were the stewards. Stephen Watson from the Vaporizing magazine came along for the first time to



photograph the day but unfortunately Peter Love could not make it in the end as he had to cover the National road run. I must say a massive thank you to all involved for turning out as luckily by the time we had a cup of tea and coffee it had just about stopped raining and hardly rained anymore. However, it had certainly been a wet trip for everybody to get to us and rather cold to say the least, so thank you all. We set off as always at 10.30am travelling through Terrington St John, Tilney St Lawrence, Tilney Cum Islington, St Germans, Magdalen, Watlington, Saddlebow and then stopping off at the Chequers Pub at Wimbotsham near Downham Market for a great Sunday lunch. We must thank



them for having us; we first booked at the Angel at Watlington but that closed down, so we rebooked at the Heron at Stow Bridge but 3 weeks before the road run that then closed down, so it was all last minute, but they were great and so was the food and service so thank you. After a nice relaxed lunch, we set back off through Stow ridge, across to Outwell, Emneth Hungate and back to Marchland St James new village hall where we stopped for afternoon tea and again were all accepted and looked after. Leaving the hall just before 4.00pm we headed back up Trinity Road back to Walpole Highway and then back down Lynn Road to Bryan's, arriving back about 4.30pm. Peter Thorpe thanked everybody for coming and then presented Ken Baily with the trophy for the most money raised, £185.00, beating Malcolm Bush by just £4.00 so very well done to you both. You could also say that Ken also deserved a trophy for travelling two and half hours from Essex just to attend but either way just amazing. Everybody managed to get loaded

up and away safely by 5.30pm at the end of a very enjoyable day, raising money for the East Anglian Air Ambulance and we raised a massive £1,703.00 so Thank you all.

Gordon Carson
NVTEC-EA



Hi All

As you read in the last magazine the Data protection act is changing, I will be keeping all your information for your membership on the data base, if you don't renew after 5 years you will be removed from the membership data base. We have published the General Data protection Regulations for NVTEC in this magazine and in the March magazine please read them.

Well its Stradsett Rally again, the team have put in a huge effort to get everything ready, so please enjoy, lets hope the rain doesn't get in the way. You will find a list of rallies and other events in this magazine, Please join In.

I have just about had all the renewal memberships in, if you have not done yours its still not too late.

I need to ask a favour, please get your friends to join so I have some work to do, Andrew will find me jobs to do if you don't.

The next thing is for me to wish all those who can't make the meetings and rallies a happy summer, enjoy your magazine and keep your chin up.

All the best Chris

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Scratch Built Models

These scratch built models were all constructed over a period of 9 years by Roger Townshend a retired engineer and where sold at Cheffins - Cambridge Vintage Sale in April 2018.

Nuffield 10/60 ¼ scale scratch built model tractor powered by a 12v motor with the battery on board. Constructed of steel, brass, aluminium and wood the 10/60 has forward and reverse gears and a working 3 point linkage with working linkage locks, the PTO turns, the seat tips and the bonnet opens, even the toolbox is equipped with scale tools.



Sold for £15,000

Ransomes TS82 ¼ scale scratch built 2 furrow reversible plough c/w skimmers and discs, originally built to compliment the previous lot, this is a fully working reversing plough with full linkage present and measures 30x 13ins.



Sold for £2,500

Nuffield BMC Mini ¼ scale scratch built model tractor powered by a 12v motor with on board battery.



This finely detailed model is constructed from steel, brass, aluminium etc. has forward and reverse gears, turning PTO, opening bonnet,

headlights and ploughing light, working 3 point linkage with working locks, toolbox and tools.

Sold for £5,000

Field Marshall Series 2 ¼ scale scratch built model tractor powered by a 24v motor with the batteries on board. Fitted with 3 forward and reverse gears this is a model to take the breath away, it will even start on the crank handle. The side pulley works from the clutch pedal and the independent rear wheel hand brakes also

work as they should, dummy starting cartridges are present and can be fitted into the replica housing.

Sold for £6,500



Massey Harris ¼ scale scratch built model 701 baler powered by a 12v motor with the battery hidden in the string box.



Constructed of steel, brass, aluminium and other media the baler is equipped with dummy bales whilst the pickup goes up and down, the needles go in and out and the knotter revolves.

Sold for £8,500

Massey Harris 2inch (1/6th) scale 780 combine harvester powered by a 12v motor with batteries in the fuel tank. The most complex model of them all with a host of features that include forward and reverse gears, rise and fall header with retracting reel, rotating cutter, retracting tines, working straw walkers and rotating tank auger. As on the real thing the rear sieve is removable and all hatches operate, the combine starts on the throttle lever and the toolbox has a compliment of tools, the engine is a replica of the Perkins L4.

Sold for £10,500



Malcolm Bush NVTEC-EA

London Transport Museum



On Friday 23rd March 2018 myself and Jayne travelled to London to see the new Tina Turner musical which was great and whilst we were down there we visited the transport museum. At a cost of £17.50 per head, you can go back as many times as you like in the next 12 months. You go in up a lift to start at the top and work your way back down. Back in the 17th century they used enclosed chairs carried by 2 strong men on poles, these could be hired for short journeys in central London. Known as sedan chairs they were used up until the early 1800s. It required thousands of working horses to keep Victorian London on the move. Operating a bus or a tram for a single day required at least six changes of horses meaning twelve horses (six pairs) per

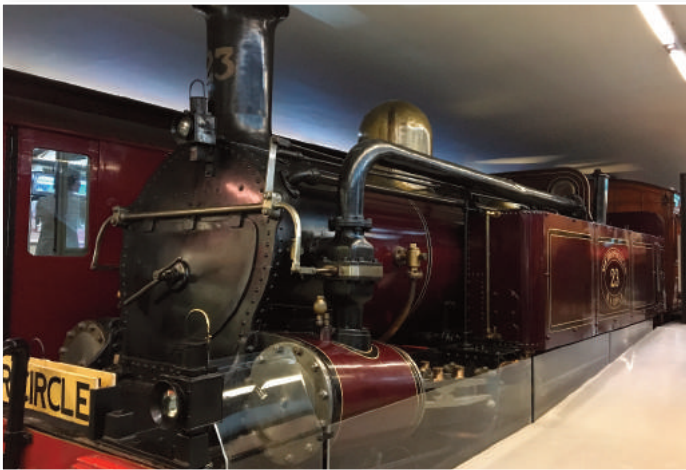
vehicle was needed. By 1900s the London public transport system relied on some 50,000 working horses. Caring for them must have been a task in itself. All the horses had to be stabled, fed, watered and cared for. Every day the horses produced over 1,000 tonnes of manure. As London and its new docks were growing on both sides of the Thames river it was clear that much better ways to cross the river were needed for road traffic. Engineer Marc Brunel proposed a radical alternative to bridges by building the first under water



tunnel in the world. This took some 20 years and opened in 1843; although it was a financial disaster it was a

technological breakthrough. London buses had taken over from the horses but the outbreak of the war with Germany in 1914 had an immediate impact on London's transport system. Main line railways came under government control and hundreds of London buses and their volunteer crews were sent off to France and Belgium to move our soldiers to and from the battle lines. It was great to see all these old vehicles from the hand carts, buses, trams, steam trains, underground, right up to London taxis - thoroughly enjoyable.

Gordon Carson
NVTEC – EA



4th generation of Fletcher boys getting into farming

Oliver and Jesse Fletcher enjoying their day out at Stradsett, they have found their dad's tractor, a 1957 Ford Dexta, found on a farm in Southery, it has had a complete engine rebuild and has been used for shows and ploughing matches. Nigel (age 14 at the time) and his dad Reg restored it in 1994. The boys follow in the footsteps of their dad, grandad and great grandad who have all enjoyed their careers in arable farming and have a passion for tractors old and new.

Stanfield Horticultural & Gardening Machinery Working Day

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.

We raise over £800 every year for the East Anglia 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.

Peter Thorpe
NVTEC-EA



Middle left: N. Websdale Selection of David Brown 2D.
Top right: D. Mycock Alis Chamber & Cockshot Plough.
Bottom left: D. Butteruss TVO powered MG6 & mounted plough.
Top left: G. Chapman TVO powered Trusty garden tractor & plough.
Bottom right: J. Wakefield Kubota 4wheel drive & Ransome TS42 plough.

Working Weekend and Ploughing Match

1st & 2nd September 2018 at Hall Farm, Fincham
(by kind permission of Hugh Mason)

Hi All,

Entries are steadily coming in for this year's working weekend. Static exhibits are also welcome. A new addition to this year's weekend is a small craft tent and back by popular demand is Mark and Jenette's BBQ.

There will also be a raffle which will be drawn on the Sunday with the chance to win a River Trip for 2 on the Broads (kindly donated by Broads Tours) and a framed print by Anthony Hardingham. All raffle prizes greatly received and all monies raised during this weekend will be donated to Moth in a China Shop (Reg Charity No: 1164937).

Once again, a big thank you to Hugh Mason for the use of the farm for the weekend. Any enquires please contact David Mycock on 01366 500879 / 07977 337095 or email: david.claire1@hotmail.com.

David Mycock


**WORKING WEEKEND
& PLOUGHING MATCH**


1st & 2nd SEPTEMBER 2018

By Kind Permission of Hugh Mason

Hall Farm, Fincham, PE33 9DQ

All proceeds raised to go to Moth in a China Shop (Reg Charity No: 1164937)



Come and test your skills against others in a ploughing match (on Sunday) or just come along for fun



Enjoy a day out watching vintage tractors at their best and a display of Stationary Engines



Refreshments available all weekend



Raffle to be drawn on Sunday

For entry forms and further information contact the organisers:
David Mycock - 01366 500879 or 07977 337095
Or visit our website: www.nvtec.org.uk

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1919 32hp Albion A10W Anglo American Oil Co. Delivery Lorry

1919 32hp Albion A10W Anglo American Oil Co. Delivery Lorry Reg. No. GA 1691 Chassis No. 1902/I Possibly the most striking commercial vehicle of the period ever offered at auction.

The chain drive GA 1691 was built to military specification but wasn't completed until 1919 and was consequently re-allocated to civilian use with the Anglo American Oil Co.

When purchased it in 1985 it was remarkably still in the firm's livery and complete with the original body builders plate for J Gibbs of Chalfont.

When new the Albion was fitted with stake sided body in accordance with the petrol transport regulations of the time and copies of these were obtained along with period images to assist in the prospective works.

The body was restored/re-created from the original cab and body cross bearers and with the aid of the previously mentioned documents. The finish is in brush painted coach enamel and over £1,500 worth of gold leaf was used to recreate the sign writing and two coats of varnish finished the job off.

Copies of period advertising boards enhance the overall look but the attention to detail hasn't ended there. Over the years a large number of pre-war Pratt's 2 gallon petrol cans have been collected and restored and the original type 3 can crates have been recreated to provide a period load which is supplemented by a number of oil cans or 'jacks'.

Sold at Cheffins - Cambridge Vintage Sale in April 2018 for £58,000

Reg Fletcher
NVTEC-EA



Open Farm Sunday

10th June 2018

The NVTEC-EA is having a stand at the Open Farm Sunday at
Houghton Hall Farm, Village Farm, Houghton, Kings Lynn,
PE31 6UE between 12:30pm – 4:30pm

Please arrive by 11:30am so we can get unloaded and set up.

Contact Gordon Carson – 01945 880091 / 07860 658767

Sandwiches to be provided by Houghton Hall



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.

Junior Club

Hope everyone is keeping well and all looking forward to the rallies.

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 07745 484026
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Jayden Gay 24th June

Logan Freear 5th July

Kian Gay 15th August



Case V A C 1947 tractor

I bought tractor from Paul Rackham sale in September 2015 Firstly, this tractor was in a state, it ran only for a short time as oil blow out of number 3 cylinder.

So, after some consideration i said to my dad (Terry Mitchell) lets have the engine stripped down and rebuild it, so with help from Corinn Harris who started work on it for us it was stripped down. However, he then phoned me and said (your engine is knackered)

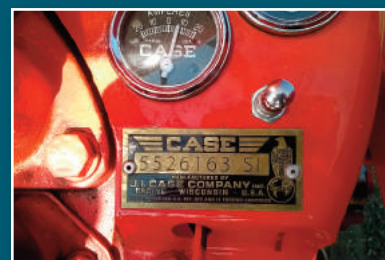


A complete engine kit was needed which i had to buy it from Saeli Implements in the USA, the crankshaft needed to be reground, I had to get a new camshaft, but that was not very easy as nowhere or anyone does makes or sells new ones so i had to buy a second hand one & have it reconditioned.

The clutch plate and brake linings were needed to be relined.

When the engine was completed and put back together we refitted+- it and then i used tractor for a day working to

run it in and to see if it had any leaks or any problems, it went very well, and we were very happy with it. So, in October 2016 the whole tractor was stripped down by myself and my dad. The bonnet fenders and panels were shot blasted and they came back in phosphate primer.



The skid unit was wire wheeled down and then primed ready for the top coat. The outfit was sent to Graveley Garage in Cambridgeshire where it was prepared for high primer and its top coat in Case flambeau red using single - stage two pack paint, in all 10 litres of paint was used. During the winter months the tractor was all put back together I also fitted a new wiring loom & new gauges.

The tractor was ready to take to Stradsett Rally in spring 2017.

Some key notes

This tractor has a four - speed transmission which produced us with a top speed of 13mph

Internal chain drive between the gearbox and final drive

Electric start

Wayne Mitchell
NVTEC-EA
Club Member



Chairman's Chat

Another new rally season has dawned and as ours is one of the early ones in the rallying calendar we always hope for a spell of decent weather. After the continual wet weather and the cancellation of a rally known to most of us we hoped that after all the time and effort and other problems we felt Stradsett 2018 must go ahead. Ahead it went with someone on our side as all those of you who attended will know.

It was a glorious weekend weather wise and so attracted a large number of people particularly on the Sunday but slightly less on the Monday. My thanks go to the Stradsett Estate for allowing us after negotiations to hold this event.

My thanks go to all the stewards new and old and for all their time spent on the Estate making it a safe and secure rally. As usual Gordon and his merry band of helpers worked their socks off to keep the car park entrances free flowing.

As a side line on the Saturday afternoon our Debbie Curry ran a friendly bingo in the beer tent and it proved quite lucrative but I say that as I won £20!!!!

The catering outlets seemed to be having a good attendance especially of course the ice cream vans. Thank you to all exhibitors for coming from far and wide to make this such a great event, to all the tradestand people for pitching up and hopefully having a successful weekend.

On the other side of the coin anybody asked to tow vehicles stuck should think carefully as from experience it can prove to be a costly exercise and one that the Club will have to bear!!!! The next event will be the Working Weekend, please support David Mycock.

Henry Howlett

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CHARITY HORTICULTURAL PLOUGHING FOR FUN DAY

at Rosevilla Farm, Long Sutton
on 30th September 2018.

All proceeds going to the Brain Tumour Charity.

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SUMMER VISIT TO THE GRAHAM ROSE COLLECTION

Saturday 9th June at 2pm

24 High Street, Rampton, Cambridge, CB24 8QE

Tel: 01954 250463

VINTAGE TRACTOR ROAD RUN

Sunday 17th June • Set off at 10am

Roger Coe, Manor Farm, Grimston
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Thank you to all who have contributed to this issue.

Please, please send me your stories, we
would love to hear about them, big or small
articles will be greatly received, send to:
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Many Thanks Jane Loveday (deadline for next issue 1st Aug)