



VINTAGE TORQUE

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Roger Coe Vintage Tractor Road Run

Dozens of vehicles took part in the annual vintage tractor road run to and from Manor Farm in Grimston. The run was followed by a country fayre which featured a range of craft stalls and demonstrations, displays of steam and traction engines and farm machinery, an owl display and live music.



The event raises funds for the Friends of St Botolph's Church, a Grade I listed building which the group has raised more than £100,000 towards renovations over the past 14 years.

Around 40 vintage tractors formed the road run, which featured a refreshment stop on the village green in Great Massingham. Meanwhile, popular attractions during the afternoon fayre including a Norfolk Owls display, as well as live music from the band DNA.



Ramsey Rural Museum



A free public open day on Sunday the 20th May was a good enough invitation to explore the past life of Cambridgeshire bordering with Huntingdon. This modest museum housed in a collection of 17th century buildings on the outskirts of Ramsey towards Ramsey Forty Foot was opened in 1983 and is managed and run entirely by volunteers. What makes this museum a worth while visit is it covers

interest for the whole family from farm machinery, implements, vehicles and crafts spanning 200 years of rural life. Authentic shops, school room and Victorian kitchen, parlour and bedroom gives a good insight to evert day life at that time. Other exhibits and displays make for a very good country day out which commands a second visit before not to long.



Peter Thorpe NVTEC-EA

Gordon Carson's grandson Ezra sitting on his 1938 Ransome Crawler.



Stradsett Park Vintage Rally 6/7th May 2018 - By the skin of our teeth



The 42nd annual Stradsett Park Vintage Rally was held over the May Day Bank Holiday weekend but after the long, wet winter many would say we got away with it by the skin of our teeth. The rain just wouldn't let up the Friday and Saturday before, but we were lucky to miss the 2" of rain that many places got on the Monday however we did get a fair bit on the Wednesday. The saving grace was that the weather forecast for the whole weekend ahead was dry and sunny. I had a meeting with Alfred Bagge on the Monday and he was fantastic. He bent over backwards to help keep the event going ahead by allowing us to use another field for car parking. I only had a short time to get signs done and sort out volunteers for the second pay gate as well as arrange how to get the public from the car park to the show. We needed some hard core in the gateways and Keith Gore was brilliant, I can't thank him enough. He worked tirelessly levelling out hard core and rolling it down prior to and during the show. Terry Myhill had rolled the rally field for us and Clive Melton had kindly sent on of his men with a tractor to roll the car park for us. Terry Myhill was yet another saviour with his John Deere, pulling people in and out including my lorry, with no fuss and minimal damage to the ground. All these shows rely on the kindness and goodwill of such people and I

must say this year, despite the soft field things went very smoothly. The committee members,



friends of Stradsett, exhibitors and even the public pulled together and made it work. Some cars got stuck in the car park and had to be pulled out but with no moans and groans so thank you to everyone as it makes a big difference over a weekend. One of our long-standing committee members Cliff Armsby who normally looks after our radios was not well enough to help this year, but it was great to see him at the show. Malcolm and Joan??? Bush kindly took that job on and Wayne Mitchell offered to pick the radios up and return them for us. All the stewards went the extra mile again this



year for a charity show which is solely run by volunteers, I am not sure what more they could have done, and I thank them all.



This year we opened the gate to exhibitors at 9:00am on the Friday which seemed to avoid the mad rush at 12:00 we normally get. I'm sure the standard of exhibitors gets better each year and this year was certainly no exception. The theme was 100 years of John Deere and Crop Establishment. And what a superb display of John Deere Reg put on. From Mick Patricks Waterloo Boy right up to a ????. Darren Tebbit took along his 1941 BN Pulling his EE 1942 12 coulter grain drill for which he deservedly won best exhibit on the field



and this is always a great one to win. However, amazingly Darren took this same combination to Stradsett back in 1991 and won the same trophy 27 years earlier. Now that's what I call an achievement. Although I had plenty to do with organising the rally, Bryan suggested I have a little display so to support the John Deere display I took the 1941 John Deere B, 1944 John Deere BR, 1949 John Deere D and the John Deere Sulkey Plough. I also took the 1949 Fordson V7 5-ton lorry with a V8 engine and my 1991 Volvo FL617. Our new grandson, Ezra, was born on 8th January 2018 so we bought him a 1938 Ransome MG2 crawler with a drag, T42 plough and a set of dice harrows. Ezra did get to have a sit on it but he's a bit too young at the moment so hopefully he will be keen in the future. I also took along the Mercedes 1978 307D truck for the first time out after a 12-year restoration.



help from Danny Burlington and Ann Bruce who have joined us and Danny's friend Jack who all worked very hard to help. I must lastly thank my godson Jake Negus who arrived Saturday morning and went home Monday night and never really stopped. Whatever I asked of him he done, then came back for another job so well done and thank you so much Jake. The theme for next year is Single Cylinder Tractors and Ploughs and Cultivators.



All the club stands again put on amazing displays and I think they look so good and people like looking around and talking to the owners. Due to such a high number of stationary engines for David Mycock, the steward, at this years show we gave them a new area which seemed to work for us, but some exhibitors weren't so sure. Judy and Ian looked after the great display of steam engines, motorcycles, classic and vintage cars and commercials. Ted and Bob again looked after all the trade stands and what a variety of goods being sold. If you needed it, it as there so well done to Ted and Bob. The judges are looked after by Ros Lakey and Henry and come every year on the Sunday to do the judging for us and what a task that would



To see all the photos from the show visit www.nvtec-ea.org.uk, see you all on 5th and 6th May 2019.

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be. We try every year to put on a good show, both for the public and the exhibitors. This year it was good to have some young



1917 Samson 6-12 Sieve Grip Appears on the BBC One Show

I was sitting in on Valentine's day evening checking bits for Stradsett rally on my laptop with the BBC One Show on TV in the back ground. They were talking about unusual sets of wheels and asked for people to send in a picture of their rare and unusual wheels. "Well" I thought, "there are many of us in the vintage tractor world that have some fairly rare and unusual sets wheels" so I sent in a couple of pictures of our 1917 Samson Sieve Grip, thinking "if we are lucky they might show a picture of it on the next week's show".



However, the next morning I received an email asking me to contact them after 2.30 pm. I rang about 5.00 pm and Aggie French, the assistant producer, told me that on next week's programme they were hoping to have 5 or 6 unusual sets of wheels and that the presenters of Top Gear were going to have to match the driver to the vehicles and would we be interested in taking it down to London on Wednesday 21st February. We would need to be there between 3.00pm and 3.30pm, rehearsals about 5.00pm and it would then go live at 7.00pm until 8.00pm. I had about 20 minutes on the phone and left it that I would ring her back on Friday morning. In one hand for any body who is interested in vintage tractors and cars it's an opportunity of a life time. However, it raised a couple of problems for me. Firstly, neither of my lorries can go into London and secondly, I am very busy at work and already booked up to travel to Malvern for the Tractor World Show on Friday 23rd February. Also, my winch on my trailer needed repairing and as I hadn't needed it until now, I hadn't got around to

fixing it. I am sure you all know the feeling and the Samson definitely needed winching on. Nevertheless, you don't get old in business without gaining some good friends. Martin Holmes from J. S. Holmes - Nissan who we buy our vehicles from but also do a lot of work for kindly offered to lend me his car transporter trailer. So, all systems go we agreed to take it. Saturday morning, along with loading the two case tractors for Malvern, we got the Samson out of the shed and gave it a clean ready for its 2nd TV appearance. This tractor appeared in a thrashing scene on the Forsyth Saga back in 2003. It was also sold by F S Bennett LTD just off Oxford Street, London in 1917, so to go to the BBC One show just down the road 101 years later to appear on live TV is quite something. However, I went to J. S. Holmes to collect the trailer only to find it's not fitted with a winch but lucky enough I had ordered the parts for mine and it was repaired just in time. We loaded up on the Tuesday night, but

the Samson was a tad heavier than I thought, although it sat well on the trailer. We set off and headed to London at 10.00am on the Wednesday morning, arriving at the BBC by 12.45pm as the run through was very clear. We were welcomed and went to get our passes for the day and was introduced to some of the staff. All the other rare cars started arriving and we



helped to unload and get them positioned; there was Bryan pushing cars about as if he is a 20-year-old; you would not believe he is 78. We unloaded and parked up inside the piazza and then went off to get some lunch. The rehearsals were to start about 5.00pm so we arrived back about 4.00pm to have a good look around the other 5 vehicles and it was good to meet Matt Baker and Alex Jones from the One Show and Elke Brooks - even though it was a bit fresh around the ears we had quite a laugh. Then we just sat and chatted to all the others until we went down for the main event about 6.30pm. You may have noticed our wives Jayne and Julie on the left clapping when Matt LeBlanc and Chris Harris came on the show at the beginning - they had to get in on the action although I didn't blame them staying in the warm. The first 3 vehicles ran over time by 3 minutes talking so we were asked to cut back a bit, but I was still very happy with the air time the Samson got. Matt LeBlanc guessed I was the tractor man as I had the roughest hands so that



certainly raised some jokes; the amount of texts and emails I had saying I need to get some hand cream was great. After the show we had a coffee and waited for most of the vehicles to get out of the way and then loaded up and started travelling home by about 9.00pm. All was going well until we got back to West Winch, where we were stopped by the police as there had been a robbery about 20 minutes earlier. Well I suppose a truck and trailer with an old tractor on the back out and about late on a Wednesday night at 11.45pm would look a bit suspicious. I showed him my BBC pass and explained where we had been, and we were soon on our way arriving home at 12.00pm. It was a long day but very well worth it and I thoroughly enjoyed my TV debut.

- The other vehicles on the piazza with us were:
- Stanley Steam Car 30hp with no gears or clutch (a Model K Semi-Racer from 1908) – Owned by Basil Craske from Norwich.
- The ‘Cosmotron’ (a modified BMW designed by Paul Bacon) - Owned by Kathy and Martin Smith.
- Fiat 500 (1970s Fiat made to look like an Abarth 695 racing car) – Owned by Allen Butcher
- Oklahoma Willy (a modified VW camper with a jet engine on it) – Owned and created by Perry Watkins. This 1958 VW camper took 3 years to restore and is fitted with a BA C Strike Master jet engine. It used 31 gallons of fuel at Santa Pod to do just a ¼ of a mile in 10 seconds at 150 miles per hour.
- 1970 Dodge Charger (modified to resemble a car from the film ‘Fast & Furious’) – Owned by Sam Hard from Portsmouth.

We all know the time, hard work, dedication and cost that goes into restoring and looking after these old vehicles and it's great to see so many people preserving the past for future generations to appreciate. I became a grandad on January 8th to my grandson Ezra and I hope he will be able to grow up and enjoy the world of vintage vehicles and machinery.

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988H Wheel Loader



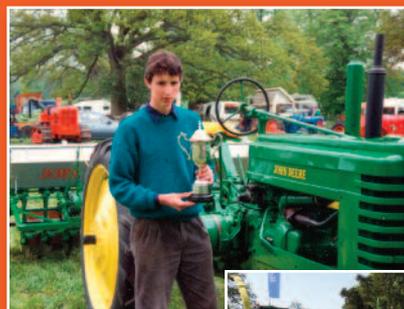
Caterpillar 988H on the move.

On my way home from Scotland on Friday, 8th June we stopped off at a

service station on the M1 and I took a couple of photographs of a CAT 988H, 555 HP wheel loading shovel – what a machine.



Same Tractor - Same owner



Darren Tebbit with his John Deere winning the same trophy with the same tractor 27 years apart.

1941 John Deere BN Stradsett Park Vintage Rally 1991 and 2018



Summer Road Run in Bedfordshire



On Saturday 2nd June 2018 Brian Spiers held his annual Vintage road run in aid of Magpas air ambulance. Everyone set off from Brian's caravan park at Wyboston at 11am. This year it was made up of 18 tractors, 5 cars and 1 lorry, the tractors ranged from Josh O'Neil and George Freeman on their DB 50D, Brian Spiers with his MF 35 and 165 to Max Cherry with his Farmall H and trailer.

The aim was a 25 mile round trip taking in three "refreshment" stops travelling through Wyboston, Chawston, Wilden and Renhold where we all stopped for lunch at Polhill Arms for hour and half break.

After lunch the cars and lorry set off followed by the tractors heading through Ravensden and on to Bolnhurst stopping at the Plough for refreshments. As usual the customers donated generously to a good cause.

Then heading through Keysoe to Little Staughton to the last stop at the Crown where we were made welcome and the sun shone. All the drivers were having such a good time that before we knew it the time was 4.15pm. We left for the last part of road run passing through Bushmead the tractors travelled on farm tracks kindly permitted by Messers Bates farms, the cars and lorry carried on the road back to Wyboston arriving at 5.30 where a barbeque and a raffle was held at Brian's caravan park.

Thanks go to Brian for arranging the run and inviting everyone to stay at the park from Friday until Sunday.

Money raised on the day for Magpas was £459.62

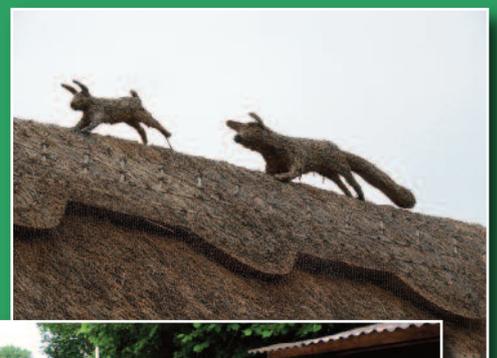
Wayne Mitchell NVTEC-EA



Summer Visit 2018

Each year the club have a summer visit and this year Graham Rose offered us to go and see his collection. The visit was booked for June 9th at 2:30pm and about 30 or so attended. Mr Rose has been collecting since 1971 and has acquired some rare machines over the years, especially crawlers. I picked Ted up about 1pm and we arrived about 2:00pm. Mr Rose had got several out and opened all his sheds for us to view. It was good to see some restored, some ex-farm and some in need of restoration. There were Farmalls, Marshalls, Fowlers, International, Case, John Deere and Platapos. In the new shed was a very nice 1938 W14 Farmall on steel wheels that would look much better in our shed in my opinion. Also, one that caught my eye was a 1946 Fowler FD 2 that he has owned for 20 years or more and what a little beauty it was. Next to that was a nicely restored challenger 22 which was an amazing machine. The club donated £100.00 to Mr Rose's chosen charity, Macmillan Cancer Research. Thank you to Mr Rose and his family for allowing us to look around and thanks to all who attended. To view all my photos or join our club go to www.nvtec-ea.org.uk

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Downham Market Carnival



After spending the weekend at Carrington Rally we headed back to Downham Market early on the Bank Holiday Monday morning for the annual carnival. It was to be my first Downham Market Carnival experience. Ian had taken part before when Downham Market Young Farmers Club used to have a float, you might have seen a photo of it on the YFC stand at Stradsett Rally. This year Ian had decided that he would take his Ferguson TEF20. However, having not had the requisite number of tractor driving lessons I was resigned to supporting on my bicycle!



This year there were nine tractors entered, thanks to David Askew for organising the bookings. The tractors met with the other floats at Heygates Mill, Trevor Fox, Roger Pope and David Rutterford had driven their tractors over from Manea so they had already clocked up a few miles. The carnival theme this year was 'Around the World' and there was certainly an international feel to the tractors with Donald Trump making a guest appearance on his Ferguson TEF20 (Mervyn Gathercole).



The parade left Heygates Mill at 12.15pm and wound its way up through Downham Market arriving at the The Howdale at about 1.15pm, the tractors were spread throughout the parade with some between each float. The sunny weather had brought record crowds out to watch the parade and the tractors got lots of attention. The tractors all looked the part and I really enjoyed watching the carnival.



Kate Penn
and
Ian Cable

More on Downham Carnival...

On possibly the hottest day in Downham Market David Askew had organised a fine group of tractors and riders to take part in this years Downham Carnival. Assembling at Heygates Mill for a 12.15pm set off through the Town lined with possibly some of the biggest crowds in recent years waving and cheering the flotiller of floats and various vehicles finally gathering on the Howdale for an afternoon of varing entertainment.



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The Crawlers of Carrington



This year's Carrington Rally, the best in 10 years as far as I am concerned, was a very good show for lovers of tracked tractors. There were over 30 listed in the programme, not including the various Ransome's in the Horticultural section.

The oldest being a Cletrac Model 'H' of 1919, an original import from Cleveland, Ohio, USA, rated at 12-20 horse power from its 4-cylinder Wiedley Engine, single speed forward and reverse. This was on the NVTEC East Anglia Group Stand, together with a 1930 Caterpillar 10, the smallest tractor made by Caterpillar rated at 10 horse power from its 4-cylinder petrol engine. The model was made between 1928 and 1933. The tractor shown in the Grey Livery as used before March 1931 when the more common Highway Yellow appeared.

On the Allis Chalmers Club Stand was an Allis Model 'K' of 1936 rated at 48 horse power. The 'K' was developed from the Monarch 35, Monarch being a company taken over in 1928. to acquire a range of crawler tractors. Production of the 'K' ended in 1943.



Elsewhere on site was a more common Model W.M., a wide gauge 50" model. The 'M' was built from 1932 until 1942 rated at 32 horse power and weighing 6,600 lbs, Caterpillar being the most prolific make on site, from D2's up to a D8 with Blade. The D8 was brought by the Fox Family who put on their own stand of Crawler tractors and low loader wagons.



The bare trailer without blade or winch weighed in at 35,000 lbs and developed over 100 horse power. The D8 was made from



1938 to 1994, always getting bigger and more powerful. The D2 at the other end of the scale, but by far the more popular tractor, being designed for agricultural work, rated as 24/36 horse power from a 4-cylinder diesel engine of 4" bore and 5" stroke, weighing in at 7,200 lbs. Older than the D2 was the 22 petrol/paraffin tractor of very similar proportions to the D2, made from 1932 to 1938.

British manufacture was represented by Fowler, Marshall and Fordson. The Fowler/Marshall range included a 'VF' with blade, this 40 horse power single cylinder machine has 6 forward gears and weighs in at over 5 ton with blade and cost new in 1948 £1,060.00.

There was also a Track Marshall 50 of 1958 and a 55. The 50 fitted with the Perkins L4 engine which was made with increased horse power for the 55 model. The Fox Company also displayed a Fowler Challenger 3 and a model 33 on their stand, immaculately painted in their orange livery.

Standing out in its Royal Blue paintwork was a restored RNLI Life Boat launching tractor. Fowler were also represented by an FD2 and FD3 model. The FD3 having a 3 cylinder 35 horse power diesel motor and the FD2 having 4 cylinders but being a smaller tractor. The models were in production between 1944 and 1947 when Fowler was taken over by Thomas Ward, the special feature being Orchard and Vineyard tractors, brought out one or two more crawlers including a Cletrac K2 narrow model rated at 12/20 horse power from a 4 x 5 1/2" motor, it was in production until 1931.

The only John Deere on tracks being a Lindeman 'BO' model, based on the model 'B' tractor with running gear and tracks by the Lindeman Company, a light weight tractor ideal for orchard work.

Bristol was represented by a model 20 introduced in 1947 with a 16 horse power Austin Industrial Engine. It remained in production until 1980, a much improved model over the 10 which it replaced, with multiplate Clutch and brake steering increased track size and 3-point linkage.

The only David Brown on tracks being the DB4. David Brown's attempt to copy the Caterpillar D2 to help the war effort in 1941 using a Dorman diesel engine. It is believed only 50 tractors were built to this design.

Fordson Conversions included a County Full Track and a Super Major on very wide swamp tracks. The horticultural section contained many Ransome's 'MG' models from a model 2 on the NVTEC East Anglia Club Stand, from the youngest member Ezra Carson, to MG5 & 6's.

Altogether a very good display of tractors as usual, but an exceptional showing of tracked machines, not all mentioned here.

Tractor World Malvern 2018

Every year we say we probably won't do Malvern as it's over 160 miles and it's so early in the year plus you can never tell what the weather is going to be like. 2018 was a real example of this as although it was very cold, it was sunny, bright and dry. In fact, you couldn't have really asked for better weather for the 24th & 25th of February. How lucky were we all including the show organisers as coming home on Sunday evening there were warnings on the motorway saying, 'severe weather warnings for Tuesday 27th February' and this time they were right we all got it. If the show had been one week later like it has been in the past and things would have been so different. Anyway, we set off as normal about 8.30am on the Friday meeting up with Matthew, Cheryl and Andrew at Guyhirn. Jim and Mel were unfortunately not well so could not join us. We arrived at the show at 12.45pm and soon got the lorry backed in and unloaded. With the help from my wife Jayne, Wayne and Terry Mitchell, Andrew Proctor, Matthew Hoy and partner, Cheryl Proctor, Andrew Proctor and Stewart Bailey, we were all set up by about 3.00pm. After a quick look around the sale we headed off to our lovely B & B in Malvern. Jayne had booked us to go to see The Son of a Preacher Man at the Malvern Theatre just a 10-minute walk from our B & B. The Theatre was very nice, and the show was good, so it just made a great weekend of it. We arrived back at the show 8.30am on Saturday morning and soon got the tea urn on and ready. One of the themes this year was Case, so we had taken along the Case 12-20 cross motor on steel wheels. This 1929 4-cylinder petrol/TVO tractor has had a lot of work carried out on it such as the front axle and kingpins, new air cleaner, road bands fitted, mag reconditioned, cleaning out and sealing both tanks. Despite having this since 2006 this was the first time we have taken it out of the shed. The second tractor we took was the 1937 Case RC (Row crop); this 3-wheeled tractor also has steel wheels, but this has undergone a complete restoration and a complete paint job in its light grey livery. This is also a 4-



cylinder petrol/TVO tractor and we have rallied this at several shows around the country. Wayne and Terry Mitchell brought along Wayne's 1947 Case Vas looking and sounding very nice. Stewart Bailey came along with his 1946 E27N so I was pleased to have 4 tractors on our club stand with being so far away from home. As always, we get a great attendance at the club stand between club members, Stradsett rally exhibitors and just people we know. It's always a hectic day chatting and just enjoying the weekend. On the Sunday morning I was given two pink slips saying please attend the trophy presentation at 11.00am; one for the 1937 Case RC and the other for the club stand. Myself and Jayne attended the presentation with Stewart Bailey, where we received second place in class one (converse) with the Case and a special show award for the NVTEC - EA club stand which was greatly appreciated as it is for all of us. Neville Websdale was not on our stand but did again win a prize for his superb 1941 David Brown DB4 and Peter Rash despite moving to Scotland won best over all in show with his Massey Ferguson. Now many of you restore vintage vehicles whatever they may be, but a display that not only stood out at the show but was truly amazing was that of Alan Clapp. He had built a display of Massey Fergusons from scratch, yes literally from sheet metal mostly to 1/8 scale, but these tractors, bailer and combined were outstanding and thoroughly deserved the trophy he won. When you looked at the detail the bailer and combined both worked and all made a realistic engine noise - what a credit to him. There was plenty to see and do over the weekend with many traded stands about and the auction on Saturday, you don't have time to hang about. I would like to thank all who helped over the weekend and thank my wife Jayne for coming with me but also to thank Mark and his team for a great show.

Gordon Carson NVTEC - EA



Holbeach Road Run

On Sunday June the 3rd I was invited to take part in the Ferguson Club annual Road Run at Holbech St. John. As I woke and looked out of the window on the Sunday morning at around 6.30am I was greeted with thick fog. This was not what was required as I had a 30 mile trip to my friend Jon's at Gedney Drove End who had kindly lent me a MF.135 for the day. However the fog lifted and by the time I had only travelled a few miles the skies cleared and a fine and sunny very warm day was to develop. Sixty tractors assembled at a farm just outside the village of Holbech St. John were we were greeted with entry number to place on your tractor, bacon butties and coffee were available to fuel the drivers before our short but important briefing. at 10.30am we were off and our mystery tour of the Fenland lanes of Lincolnshire began. After two hours of country lanes and farm tracks around the villages of Whoplode, Moulton, Moulton Chapel and Weston Hills with a comfort break in the middle we finished in the centre of Holbech St John's which was holding a Village Fete and lunchings being served at the Plough Inn. After Lunch and a walk round and meeting some new and old friends it was time to set off the 12 or so miles back to Drove End, a most enjoyable day with sunshine and a gentle breeze brings back the good memories before air conditioned cabs.

Peter Thorpe NVTEC-EA



Bolnuhurst Vintage country show June 2018

Each year since I have been going I always see something different and this year was Two unusual Fordson's a High Clear dexta & Major (owned by E Wotton) of Bedfordshire.



Wayne Mitchell
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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".
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7. All information relating to a member are deleted from our system 5 years after their last renewal date.

Well the summers here and I hope you're all enjoying the time off school. Getting your hands dirty with your projects. Weather is being so good at the moment to spend time outside. The working weekend is creeping up fast, hope to see plenty of you there, more to see and do this year. I would like to get you all together this year for a bit of fun at Christmas, not long now. If any of you would like to go bowling and a meal at strikes or if you have any ideas at what you would like to do then get in touch. Hope your all keeping well and see you soon.

Debbie Curry.

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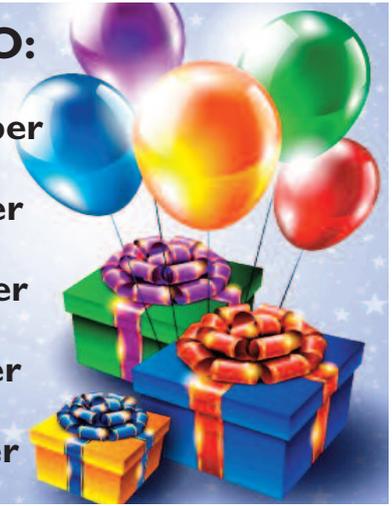
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National Trust Property at Llanerchaeron



Whilst on holiday in South Wales recently we visited a National Trust Property at Llanerchaeron, this a little different to the usual stately home.

This was a very old farmhouse and outbuildings said to have been un-touched for 200 years. We didnt photograph the buildings but tucked away at the far end of the extensive barns and stables the NT had acquired the collection of the late Geller Jones who was a well known local collector of historic agricultural implements, artifacts and tractors etc. We had not seen many of these items before as in different parts



of the country they have different requirements to us in East Anglia.

During the visit we chatted to an elderly gentleman who had in his youth worked on local farms and he was able to explain the various items on display from a 1946 Ford Ferguson to a Fowler Steam engine together with Marshall thrashing machine and many other items in between.

We guessed what some of the items were but photo 5 we will leave you to ponder....answer on the back page.

Photo 1...2 row potato planter

photo 2...1 HP (!) stationary engine - 2HP with extra shaft ?

photo 3....Stack support to keep the rats out !!

photo 4....Hand baler, later converted to machine power.

Mike & Liz Hornegold



VINTAGE TRACTOR HIRE REQUIRED

I am looking for a Vintage Tractor and trailer to hire for my wedding on Saturday 27th July 2019.

If any one could help me please contact me on 07909026906 or 04jtaylor@googlemail.com.

It is in the PE33 OSE area.

Jess Taylor

National Trust Property at Llanerchaeron

Answer... picture 5 is a Gorse Crusher, this was used for animal feed said to be very nutritious.

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Notification of the Annual General Meeting of the National Vintage Tractor and Engine Club East Anglia Group

It will take place on Thursday November 15th 2018 7:30pm at Ryston Park Golf Club

Proposed Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Adopt Minutes of the A.G.M. held on November 16th 2017
3. Matters arising from the Minutes of AGM 2017
4. Chairman's Report
5. Secretary's Report
6. Treasurers' Report
7. Membership Secretary's Report
8. Election of Officers and Committee

Chair

Vice Chair

Secretary

Treasurer

Membership Secretary

Meetings Organiser

Safety Officer

Newsletter Editor

Publicity Officer

Rally Organiser

Please send in written nominations for any of these positions, signed by the person being nominated and one proposer to the secretary, Mrs J Webb, 29 Herbert Drive, Methwold, Thetford, Norfolk, IP26 4PY. Please also notify the secretary, in writing, of any other items you wish to be included in the agenda. Nominations and agenda items to be received no later than November 1st 2018.



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All the best Chris

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: truereflections77@yahoo.co.uk

Many Thanks Jane Loveday (deadline for next issue 1st Nov)