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STRADSETT PARK VINTAGE RALLY 2019

By the time you all read this we'll be in 2019 and well underway with planning the 2019 43rd Stradsett Park Vintage Rally which is to be held on Sunday 5th and Monday 6th May. This year I've arranged to have a bigger rally field to hopefully make it better for the stationary engines and to give more room to the growing club stands. This is something I think is getting better each year and is much more interesting for the public, plus there is always someone on the stands to speak to the public and give them information about their exhibits. Our tractor steward, Reg Fletcher, has set the theme for 2019 to be single cylinder tractors, ploughs and cultivators. However, we also have a great display of many other vintage things along with mini tractor pulling, a full ring display, Catering, trade stands & fairground rides. The forms are on the website www.nvtec-ea.org.uk and will have now been sent out. I look forward to welcoming you all again and thank you all for your kind support.

Gordon Carson
NVTEC-EA

A Day out in Hastings



On a recent trip to Hastings we came across these crawler tractors being used to launch the fishing boats in to the English Channel, this is the largest beach launched fishing fleet in the world.

The salt environment has taken its toll on the metal work of these tractors and inspite of their awful condition they still launch the fishing boats on a daily basis.



Some of them have no need to turn as they push the boats into the sea and wait for their return before pulling them back to shore.

The Stade as it is know has a very steep stoney slope followed by a gentle incline which is ideal for



launching the boats but would be impossible without the help of these crawler tractors.

Reg Fletcher
NVTEC - EA

Beamish Museum Durham



My birthday fell on Sunday 16th September which clashed with the Bedford Steam Rally and the new Casterton Working Weekend, which we normally do one of. However, this year Bryan and Julie kindly booked us on a Statesman Rail Train for a day out on Saturday 15th. We picked Bryan and Julie up at 6:00am and travelled to March train station and despite living around here virtually all my life I had never been to the March Railway Station and it was a very

pleasant surprise. The



vintage diesel train, Diamond Jubilee, arrived at 6:50am and of course any of you who know Bryan and Julie we were booked into the First-Class Pullman carriage (very nice) which had luxury seats, buck's fizz, tea, coffee, toast, croissants, melon and then a full English breakfast. Late morning, we had a Danish pastry and more tea and coffee. We arrived at Durham about midday and was soon on the coach to the Beamish Museum which was only about 20 minutes from the railway station. Once inside we soon boarded a tram to the home farm which for me was

fantastic. There were lots of old rooms set up for us to view, lots of old implements and one Fordson Model F although it didn't look like it had run for a while. We then walked down to the pit village which was complete with the original drift mine, old school, some old miners' houses/cottages and some old steam engines. We then caught an old bus up to the old town, passing on the way we were lucky to see the old-time agricultural show being held the same weekend from the Thursday to the Sunday. This old-time show was great to see with a Marshall tractor and some Grey Fergusons on display. The thrashing drum was being driven by a 1930's Case CC and all seemed to be running very well. The old town was a real treat with lots of old shops, a bank, bakery, some old cars and a Georgian fair. We only had until 3:30pm so



we had to rush around a bit as it is set in 300 acres, but it was a good taster. You would have a job to really study it all in one day but it's still a great day out. We left at 3:30pm and travelled back to the Durham station where we caught the same train back to March. We had champagne when we boarded and a delicious 4 course meal on the way home arriving back at March around 10:20pm. What a fantastic day out.

Gordon Carson - NVTEC-EA

Obituary: Roy Grief

It is with great sadness that I must announce that Roy Grief passed away on Boxing morning after a short illness, Roy had been a member of this club for many years and his alright boy will be greatly missed as will his presence on his trusty cat d2 at Ploughing days.

The club members send their condolences to his wife, Shelia, and all of his family and friends.

Rest in peace Roy you will be missed by many



In Memory of Frederick Everett – known as Henry.

Henry was born in Methwold Hythe, he had 3 brothers and 2 sisters, he grew up in the family home and this is where he continued live until his illness which led to him being cared for in residential care home in Downham Market.

Henry worked for Annie Waters who also lived in Methwold Hythe for many years. Initially Henry did not own a tractor but he spent many years travelling the rally circuit with Denzil Mayes, Newman Smith and John Chapman, Henry used to grab a drive on whatever tractor was in need of a driver.

Around 12 years ago Henry took charge of the Normag following the death of his brother – this tractor had been passed down the family and now it was Henry's turn to care for it, with Weeting Rally being one of his first outings. Now Henry had a tractor of his own and he could be seen at many local rallies alongside his friends and Arthur Vincent.

Henry was a sociable person, he loved a chat and wouldn't pass you by without that cheeky smile or a word or two. In later years Henry could be seen at the rallies with his partner Chrystal whom he met in the pub in Feltwell and she could often be seen with Henry in his Zetor sitting in Chrystal's special seat along Henry's travels around the local villages.

Photo from Ian Long and words from Judy Webb



Words and photo provided by Ian Long

Lincolnshire Steam and Vintage Rally 2018



The 33rd Lincoln Steam Rally was held on the Lincoln showground over the weekend of 18th & 19th August 2018. I've missed the last 2 years, so it was nice to be back. The show always gets a good section of vintage tractors and with over 300 on display there was something for everyone. This year there was a better selection of older steel wheeled tractors which was great to see. Some of our club members attend this show every year but none more than Neville Websdale who told me he has been attending the show since he was a lad. He was displaying his 1939 Allis Chalmers Model M Crawler in original condition but sounding great. We took the 1949 John Deere Model D and the 1954 Massey Harris 33 - this was being a bit lazy as they were loaded from Marsham. Michael Hart, the chairman of the Notts Group, was displaying his 1956 International B250 in

Austin V33 Vineyard which was built in France. It had a 4-cylinder petrol engine which was running well. If you want to see stationary engines displayed well this is the place to come. Whilst I can see the benefits of having your caravan with the engine, this way of displaying the engines is much better for the viewing public. The quality and quantity of engines was just amazing and was very well attended by the public. Moving onto the commercials, there was a great selection of trucks, lorries, fire engines and buses, some of which were very impressive indeed. The horticultural section was also



a very good display with lots of familiar faces. David and Diane West came for the first time in years and brought along their International

8 - 16 Junior so we thought we might go out for a bite to eat on the Saturday evening. We looked up pubs nearby and booked at the DamBusters Inn just down the road. When we arrived, busy would be an understatement. We didn't realise that some of the steam engines from the show go there each year and the locals come along to see them. The food and company were great, and we then went back to see the showman's engines and fairground all lit up in the dark. Despite the weather forecast being bad for Sunday, it stayed fine all weekend. Thanks to Graham Morley for inviting us. To view all my photos, go to the NVTEC-EA website and visit the Out and About page.

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very nice original condition, This was the 98th one built and with the registration no of - OFW 275. Michael purchased this about 5 years ago with a front loader which he then removed, hence why the lights are fitted on top of the bonnet. For a tractor which spent its life with a loader on, it was in good condition. Its fitted with an early fuel pump and has very little play in the steering box which is unusual. It was sold new from Achurch & Sons from Horncastle Lincs. Michael is a very knowledgeable man and commentates at many rallies including Stradsett and I have never known the world of vintage tractors without him so when he retires he will be greatly missed by so many. Let's hope he keeps going for many more years to come. One tractor that caught my eye was a lovely little 1929



Boxing Day Road Run 2018

As children rose more leisurely on Boxing Day morning to play with their new found toys, many a dad and grandad were up early preparing their steeds for the annual Larling Boxing Day Tractor Road Run. The

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the dualling of the A11 bypass at Larling makes for a good assemble area for some 150 tractors ready for the off at 10am. Some of our Club were present with Gavin Chapman and his MB Trac one of ten taken part, and David Mycock with his Allis-Chalmers model U. one of the older tractors taken part. Possibly one of the unconventional tractors for a road run was a nicely restored Doe Triple D. This event was well supported not only by the number of entrants but also by the supportive general public lining the road, lets hope the new organisers feel that it was worth the effort as its a dame good excuse to get out after Christmas Day festivities.

Norfolk Ploughing Society 30th Dec 2018

Possibly the last outing of 2018 was the Annual Norfolk Ploughing Society Plough Day on Sunday the 30th of December at North Elmham. Some 63 outfits



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on a nice
sunny day
after some
overnight light
rain. The soil
a light to
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structure
was in ideal
condition
and some
very high
standards
were being

achieved. It was pointed out to me that nearly all the outfits were small tractors with 2 furrow mounted ploughs, with only about a couple of trailed ploughs. this is possibly due to the tightening of lapsed rules on transporting behind 4x4 vehicles.



Peter Thorpe

PRESS RELEASE...

New Tractor Drive

A new tractor road run with a difference is being planned for Sunday 14th April 2019. With the exception of 317 metres on a minor road, the remaining 20 miles or so will be on private roads and lanes.

Colin and Kathleen Holwell have worked hard to gain permission for the ('Tractor Drive' to go through the amazing Burghley Park, then through the grounds of RAF Wittering, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, which is still a fully functional active Royal Air Force base and is the main operating base and headquarters for RAFA4 Force and is a major Station for flying training, and then back through splendid Burghley Estate. The ('Drive' will encounter parkland, dirt roads and the internal boundary of RAF Wittering, only once touching a public highway.

The day will commence with arrival from 8.00 am on the Sunday ready for a 9.45 am start, meeting at George Farm, Wothorpe, Stamford, Lincolnshire, PE9 3JP.

Tractors pulling official trailers will be available for spectators to join in the ('Drive'. There will also be Limo transport from George Farm to the is" century Burghley House close to Stamford with discounted entry for anyone not interested in going on the ('Drive'. This will be a great chance to visit this historic grade property and Estate.

A BBQ and other refreshments will be available and all funds raised will be split between R.A.B.I. and Evergreen Care Trust.

There are two major stipulations for entrants taking part in the 'Tractor Drive' whether a driver or an official passenger. RAF Wittering, due to security reasons will need to see some form of personal I.D. either a current passport, driving license or any other current photo I.D. The second being, no trailers or equipment behind tractors please and definitely no passengers apart from on seats fitted by the tractor manufacturer.

Any make or model of tractor from vintage to 2019 so long as it is road legal and on rubber tyres will be most welcome.

Entries from one make tractor clubs or general tractor clubs as well as any tractor enthusiast or anyone associated with agriculture are being encouraged to join the 'Tractor Drive' at a cost of £5 per person, £10 per tractor.

For further details please contact Colin Holwell on 07977 142011 or 01780 751291.

Horticultural Ploughing for Fun Day

On Sunday 30th September 2018 David Buttriss put on a fun ploughing day to raise money for the brain tumour charity. David's brother Darren sadly died of a brain tumour a few years ago, my father in law Graham died of a brain tumour back in 2012 and now my Godson has had two operations and long-term treatment for a brain tumour this year, so I wanted to show my support. The event is held each year at Gedney in Lincolnshire and was able to go ahead due to the kind permission of Marcus Palmer. I arrived about 10:30am on a lovely dry Sunday autumn's morning. Firstly, I came across Jim Wakefield on his 1977 Ubota B1700 with 17hp working a single furrow Lewis plough. This plough was built to go with a Ford Compact tractor. Then Bret Reynolds was showing his 15-year-old daughter Liberty the basics on an Iseki TS1910 20hp with a single cylinder Ferguson plough whilst her Grandad George was on his 1957 Massey Ferguson E35 with a 2-furrow plough. Jacqueline Thompson was happily ploughing with a Hinumoto Best E16 with a Ferguson modification plough. Alan Crisp was having a break from tractor pulling and ploughing with his Kubota B2230 and a Ransome TS 42A single furrow trailed plough.

Mr Mervin Aldred was working a John Deere 755 which was a bit unusual. Peter Dolman was on a nice 1960 Renault V73 with a Ransome TS42 2 furrow plough which he has owned for over 10 years. Keith Raynes was on a lovely little Leyland 154 with a 2-furrow plough. This tractor was built in 1969 and is nicknamed Billy Bucket. Ray Barsby was on his International B272 which he bought in rough condition in 2005 and then thoroughly restored reg 494 HEW. The plough was a Ransome 2 furrow supplied by Macintosh & Son Ltd agents in Cambridge. John Moulis turned up on his Massey Ferguson 35 1958 and a 2-furrow general purpose Ferguson plough. Dave Buttriss was on a 1959 Ransome MG6 crawler fitted with a fully hydraulic working ATS 53 single furrow plough which was running a treat on TVO. For years I've always liked David Mycocks 1948 Case Dex on steel wheels, this tractor really looks the part, starts well, runs so well and thanks to David letting me have a couple of rounds I know it drive well too. It has a hand clutch which I'm very familiar with, but I hadn't done any ploughing since the early '80s when I used to drive a John Deere 8430. Dave was ploughing with a Motrac 3 furrow plough which it pulled fine, what a lovely outfit. David Mycocks wife Claire and Mel Wakefield were helping out by taking donations and selling raffle tickets. In total the day raised over £500 for the brain tumour charity so very well done to Dave Buttriss and all who helped him.

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AGM 2018

On Thursday 15th November 2018 The National Vintage Tractor and Engine Club East Anglia Group held their AGM at Royston Park Golf Club. After a sum up of the year from our Chairman, Henry Howlett and Vice Chairman and Secretary, Judith Webb, we proudly donated £12,299.00 to local charities from the year's events including: £6,114.00 to the East Anglia Air Ambulance made up of £4,500.00 from the Stradsett Park Vintage Rally and £1,614.00 from our Spring Road Run. We also donated £1,125.00 each of the following, The East Coast Truckers, Magpie Centre Riding for Disabled, Addenbrookes Kidneys and Dementia UK.

The committee was then all voted in for another year but sadly Cliff Armsby will no longer stand after many years of service to the Club due to ill health. So on behalf of myself

and the committee we thank him and wish him all the very best for the future. On the plus side we gained 2 new committee members, Jack Dowe and Wayne Mitchell. Wayne is to be the Club Stand Steward for the Stradsett Park Vintage Rally in May 2019 and hoping to take over from Chris Hunt, our Membership Secretary, when she hangs up her pen in 2019 after 20 years of dedicated service to the club. We thank all who attended and look forward to a good 2019 season.

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Marsham Summer Show 2018

The Starting Handle Club held their annual summer show over the weekend of the 11th & 12th August. It was again held with the kind permission of Bob Park with the use of his superb buildings and facilities. We arrived about 11:30am on the Friday and as always got a very warm welcome. The theme this year was 100 years of John Deere and 100 years of Massey Harris so we took along the mighty John Deere Model D, which is the largest of the 2 cylinder petrol/TVO tractors. This was built in 1949 and restored 14 years ago, I did however give it a very thorough clean and polish before the show as there were a selection of 8 trophies up for grabs: Best John Deere, Best Massey Ferguson, Best Ferguson, Best Pre-1930 Veteran Tractor, Best Horticultural Exhibit, Best Stationary Engine, Best Junior Stationary Engine and Best In Show Exhibit. We were very lucky and won Best John Deere in show so all the polishing and touching up paid off. Despite Bob Park being one of the biggest Massey Harris Collectors in the county we also took along the 1954 Massey Harris Model 33, this fully restored tractor is straight petrol and has a 4-cylinder overhead valve engine. It was good to see both Bob Park and Gerald Gregory's Sayer Massey although Bob's didn't start, Gerald did happily take his superb looking machine around the ring. Eric Millstead brought along his newly restored Case Model R which sounded and looked great. This type of tractor is right up my street, I think this type of old tractor is very special and should be looked after for future generations to enjoy so its good to see them being restored.

There was a good selection of Massey Harris and John Deeres but they certainly weren't short of the other makes and models. Despite my core business now being windows and doors, I'm actually a builder by trade so Mr Dick Rumsby's line up of diggers and dumpers were a real interest to me and a real credit to him. Not only has he had the foresight to save them, he has spent a lot of time and

money restoring them all and then to top it all off he brought them all to the show. This as we all know is a lot of hard work



and cost. Our trade steward Ted Gray brought along part of his petrol can collection and was set up next to Malcolm Bush

with part of his John Deere Models Display. Matthew Hoy seemed very happy with his lorry and his 1936 Farmall F20 which was looking good. On Friday afternoon we had quite a lot of rain, but this did not prevent the harvesting display on the Saturday starting at 1:00pm. I was fortunate to be able to get some great photos of the binder, owned by George Carman, and the John Deere Model A row crop pulling it which was running very well. Then came Mr John Chapman with his Massey Ferguson 780 Special Combine which was great to see, you could watch it all day. Thanks to all the Starting Handle Club team for a superb weekend. To view all my photos, visit the out and about page on the NVTEC-EA website.

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Death of a Dinosaur (John Deere 8430 not Henry)

On Wednesday 17th October 2018 I got a call from our chairman Henry Howlett to let me know that there had been a large fire at his farm at Tydd on the Tuesday. Henry informed me that the fire was in his barn and destroyed the barn, his JCB 3C, over 2000 standard hay bales, over 70 round bales of straw and his beloved John Deere 8430. The 8430 was built from 1975 – 1978 and was a great machine in its day. I should know as I used to drive one back in the 80's at Walpole Highway where I still live. The 8430 had a 7.6L 6-cylinder diesel engine producing 156hp and with eight 18 – 4 x 34" tyres, articulated steering together with 4 wheel drive it could truly pull. We had a 7 furrow reversible plough on heavy land and they did like their diesel. Henry purchased his 14 years ago around 2004 and it was still used regularly, in fact it was only put in the shed on the Thursday before. 2018 was the 100th anniversary of John Deere and was part of our theme at Stradsett so Henry brought along the 8430 to the show. Back in the

Spring of 2018 I called in to see Henry whilst he was busy working with the 8430 and his John Deere 4040 in the same field which was like going back in time, but it was great to see them working together. Back in 2011 there was an 8430 fully restored at the Newark Show and it looked like new. I have a photo of my niece and nephew standing in the wheel rims near my house in the 80s. which shows the size. However, for Henry's 8430 its certainly the end of the road.

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to feature at Stradsett Rally 2020

MM tractors over the years don't very often get featured at many rallies so they will be the feature of the Stradsett Park Vintage Rally 2020 along with Eastern European tractors. I have a passion for the MM range and would love to see a good selection at the show so please get out your Minneapolis-Molines, Twin City, Mathis Moline or Moline Plow Company and get them ready for 2020. Reg Fletcher, our tractor steward, will be happy to receive your entry forms when the time comes. Bexwell Tractors was only a couple of miles down the road from Stradsett so I'm sure the Zetor will be a big part of the display. I can't wait.

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Vintage Tractor Charity Road Run Sunday 7th April 2019

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 6th April
until 10am on
Monday 8th April.

All tractors must
be sponsored to a
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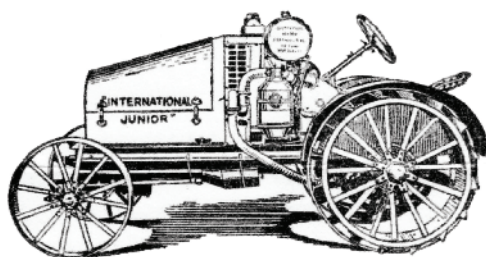
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Newark Vintage Tractor and Heritage Show 2018

Well, where ever did that rally season go? It didn't seem 5 minutes ago since the Tractor World Show in late February and we were on our way to Newark for the 15th year. I was again in charge of the East Anglia Group club stand and wanted to put on a good show for the club, so I got a bit carried away with booking in. One of the themes this year was John Deere so we took along the 1949 John Deere Model D, reg 547 XUC which is fitted with full electrics including an electric start. It was restored over 12 years ago, but we still won Best John Deere in show which was a very nice surprise. Terry Myhill brought along his fully restored John Deere 55H hydraulic 3 furrow plough which looked great behind the Model D. For the first time at Newark we



took along the 1917 Samson Sieve Grip 6-12 which is a straight petrol single cylinder tractor, reg BF-5674, serial number 5911 and runs at only 450rpm. We were showing it with a John Deere single furrow Sulkey plough. This tractor won us the trophy for Oldest Tractor in Show which was again a nice surprise.

The West family travelled all the way from Canterbury in Kent to support the club and brought along the 1919 Cletrac Model H 12-20 HP which was known in the UK as the Burford Cletrac because of the importers H G Burford Ltd. In 1919 this tractor cost £395.00 brand new which was a lot of money 100 years ago. This lovely little petrol/TVO crawler won them Best Pre-1930 tractor. They also kindly brought us their latest purchase, a 4" scale Titan 10-20 which is a model of the 1918 International Harvester Co. 10-20 Titan and runs on petrol with a battery and coil for the ignition. It was built to drawings by Tony Webster which were published in the Model Engineering Magazine in 1995. It was built by Mr John Anyon of Minster-on-Sea in Kent between 1995 – 2000 and what a credit to him it is too.

David Mycock, our engine and working weekend steward, took his not so polished 1936 Allis Chalmers Model U, reg TL 5734. Despite running their own club stand Andrew Carpenter brought his 1964 International Harvester B414. These 41hp diesel tractors were a great little machine and this one spent its life on a farm in Kent. Mr Fred Rudd took his all British 1954 Trusty Steed and Mr Graham Douglas supported us with a wheel horse commando 8 uni-drive

with 3 forward and reverse. Stuart Bailey is always a great support to the club stand with his 1946 E27N land utility model fitted with full electrics, hydraulics and a pulley. This was displayed with our restored 1940's no.11 Dauntless Ransome self-lift cultivator with staggered tines. The no.11 could also be fitted with 13 taper spring tines or spring mounted solid steel tines. Mr Graham Bacon kindly supported us with his display of blacksmiths items dating back to the early 1900's. He has been collecting them since the early 1990's. To support another theme, we took my grandsons (Ezra) little MG2 1938 Crawler which is fitted with a Ransome 5 tine cultivator. These little crawlers are fitted with rubber jointed tracks by Roadless Traction Ltd. Despite his bad knee Malcolm Bush still managed to bring along his John Deere 1.5hp Hit and Miss stationary engine, built in 1941. Ricky Kemp took his great looking Ruston and Hornsby PT 1.5hp engine which is fully restored and was shining like new. This 1937 engine was built in Lincoln. Wayne and Terry Mitchell had booked in their Case Si but due to a

small problem decided to bring their lovely Case VAC instead. This tractor has been fully restored to a very high standard. Last but not least was one of my favourite makes of tractor, the Massey Harris. This 1938 straight petrol Massey Harris



Challenger twin power row crop is fully restored including the French and Heck wheels. This was being shown with a fully restored Bamlett finger mower built in England.

At every show there is always something that stands out and this year was no exception. Just opposite us were the Notts Group club stand and on there was John Crowdens 1947 E27N fitted with a Catchpole bale elevator which are both fully restored and looking fantastic. John is hoping to bring this to Stradsett in 2019 and display it working. There may have been a few less exhibits over all but it was a great weekend. To top it all off a group of us went out Saturday night to celebrate David and Dianne Wests 40th wedding anniversary so a huge congratulations to both of them. To view all my photos of the show, visit nvtea-ea.org.uk and go to the out and about page.

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Junior Club

Hi all just quick message to you all from junior club. Hope your all well and getting over Christmas. All ready for the new rally season, it's coming up fast, Norwich will soon be here, then Stradsett hope to see some new faces this year with the new format of membership by joining as a family hopefully we get more juniors involved.

Debbie Curry

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Harvey in January
George & Lily in March
Jayden in June

Hi Everyone

A very belated Happy New Year.

As its 2019 now you will be aware that you should have sent me your membership fees in, if you have not you will get a letter with this magazine asking for your membership payment for 2019 please return with your SAE.

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 of the things we do.

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



**SAT 31st AUG &
SUN 1st SEPT 2019**



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David Mycock - 01366 500879 or
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Starting Handle Club Summer Show and Bob Parks Marsham Show

You have probably all had the relevant forms already, so you know by now that the Starting Handle Club have decided to run a separate show from Bob Park. Whilst this was disappointing to hear, it will give East Anglia another show for us to attend. The Starting Handle Clubs Summer Show will be held on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th July at Spring Farm, Fir Covert Road, Felthorpe, NR10 4DT. Bob Parks Marsham Show will remain on August Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th at the usual venue;

Orchard Cottage,
Allison Street,
Marsham, NR10 5PJ
where I will be looking
after the club stand for
the NVTEC East Anglia
Group. Anyone is
welcome on the club
stand so if you would
like to be on the stand with us please make it clear on your entry form.
You can contact me on 07860 658767 or 01945 880091.



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NVTEC-EA Working Weekend 1st & 2nd September 2018



Each year our club puts on events for our club members and other enthusiasts of vintage machinery. Our last event each year is our working weekend and again this year David Mycock was in charge with the great help of his wife Claire. Of course, the weather for these events make a lot of difference but this year you could not have prayed for better weather. We are very lucky to be able to use such lovely fields with the kind permission of Mr Hugh Mason and the support of Chris Legge the farm manager; this is a great help, so we have to say thanks to them. All money raised goes to the 'Moth in a China Shop' charity. There are only 52 weekends in a year, but this clashed with my grandsons christening on the Sunday, so I only attended the Saturday. I had hardly got in the gate



when I saw Barry Ayres on a great looking John Deere Model D on steel wheels. This 2-cylinder Petrol/TVO tractor was just purring away pulling their



Oliver TNT 2 furrow plough. Sam Masters was on his 1954 petrol/TVO Ferguson TE20 trying out ploughing for the first time with a Ferguson single furrow deep digger plough. I do like to see the old tractors and Mr David Bretton was on a good looking Fordson Model F. This 1918 steel wheeled tractor was going great pulling a Ransome No.3 Mowtrac plough. Chris Underwood was driving a 1944 Caterpillar D4 7J although they've only owned it for about a year it was working well with a Ransome TS 46 SCN bar point 7 shear plough. Peter Allfaltt was working his Zetor 1963 diesel 3011 with a Ransome no 59 plough. You don't see too many Zetor tractors around this area considering I can remember working on the docks in Kings Lynn and watching them roll off one after another and the fact Bexwell tractors were just down the road.

Daniel Mycock was happily ploughing away with his Allis Chalmers 1950 petrol/TVO tractor with a nice 2 furrow cockshut plough. Jim Smart and Peter Thorpe were trying out Jim's Caterpillar 1939 D4. Peter had helped Jim all winter getting this going again along with the CDF drag by H Leverton and Son so it was good to get it out working again. Young Alfie was happy sitting on Frank Fowlers Caterpillar Twenty-Two built in 1935 (not moving). Judy Webb, our club secretary and Stradsett car etc steward, was working their 1975 Ford 4000.

Judy and John are always a great support to our club. Alan Foster was on his Allis Chalmers 1965 E D 4 0 Depthomatic, the same year I was



born, the difference was that was pulling an Oliver 2 furrow plough where as I have a job pushing a wheel barrow

these days. Malcolm bush was going well on his 1948 E27N, well he was until I stopped him and then it wouldn't start again because the magneto had packed in. Sorry Malcolm. That did however give Malcolm time to show me a picture of him and David Bretton back in 1978.

Malcolm Mycock, David's dad, was on his 1957 grey/gold Ferguson, firstly with a Ferguson plough but then changed to a Ferguson Cultivator. This lovely little diesel was going very well indeed. There were a good selection of horticultural working along with a small display of stationary engines. In the tents there was fresh cakes and fresh jars of jam for sale as well as a large raffle. A credit to our club but a big thanks to David and great group of helpers for putting on this weekend.

To view the photos go to our website and visit the Event Gallery. www.nvtec-ea.org.uk

Gordon Carson - NVTEC-EA



I would like firstly to wish all members a Happy 2019. Last November was our Presentation event where we distributed the monies raised by the Road Run, Stradsett Rally and Working Weekend. These Charities are nominated by the Committee members for local good causes. After the presentations were made we moved onto our AGM where officers were either re-elected or new members were nominated onto the Committee. Our last month's meeting was a talk and film show by Mark from Belmont Nurseries at Terrington St John. The talk was on their flower production and bio-fuel heating system. A visit to this nursery is to be one of our summer visits hopefully whilst the tulips are still in bloom. All members had the opportunity to take home a bunch or two of these blooms and to date we think they are the longest tulips to survive in our centrally heated home. Please see date to be announced in your newsletter re the visit.

Here's to another successful rallying year.

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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: truereflections77@yahoo.co.uk

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

NORFOLK MINI TRACTOR PULLERS WILL BE HOLDING THERE ANNUAL ROAD RUN

Easter Sunday - 21st April

Starting from Weasenham Manor, Weasenham, Norfolk for more details and entries please call

BRENDA DUGGAN ON 01328 701556

VINTAGE TRACTOR ROAD RUN

Sunday 16th June • Set off at 10am

Roger Coe, Manor Farm, Grimston Norfolk, PE32 1BG • Tel: 07739 892141

CLUB WORKING WEEKEND

Saturday 31st August & Sunday 1st September

Contact David Mycock on 07977 337095

VINTAGE HORTICULTURAL & GARDEN MACHINERY WORKING DAY

Sunday 24th March 10.30am start

Stanfield on B1145 Norfolk

Proceeds to XLP

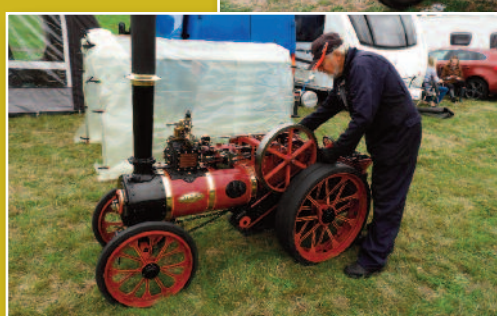
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This will be our 10th year and hope to make it bigger and better then ever. We have every thing from push hoes, rotavators to match ploughing with classes for small walk behind, large walk behind and ride-ons. We also have Working Stationary engines, working horse and static displays. We like to encourage the smaller tillage machines by having a working play pen.

Sandringham Game and Country Fair 2018

The Sandringham Game and Country Fair was held over the weekend of the 8th and 9th September by gracious permission of Her Majesty The Queen. It was held on the Sandringham Estate and run by Living Heritage Events. It's a very large show and very well attended, in fact on the Sunday you could hardly move. It's a country fair and not a vintage rally but they still promote a steam and vintage area, so Keith and Jane Raynes look after us in the tractor section



each year. This year I took along the 1944 John Deere Model BR which we've taken

out a few times this year for the 100 years of John Deere. This underwent a complete engine rebuild and as most John Deere people know you start these by opening the decompression valves on both sides and then pulling over using the fly wheel, once it starts close the valves and away you go. I was on my own again this year, so Jim Wakefield volunteered to be my agency driver taking the John Deere round twice on Saturday and twice on Sunday. I also took along the Massey Harris 12-20 which is a lovely little tractor built in 1929 around the change over from Wallis to Massey Harris. Its on a full set of steel wheels, crank start, petrol/TVO and has a hand operated clutch. Matthew and Cheryl were kind enough to make me breakfast on both days between looking after his International B414 still looking good after being restored over 12 years old. Matthew also had his 1936 Farmall F20 on steel wheels which started and ran very well.

Terry Myhill was there with his Fordson Dexter but his grandson was having to do all the driving as Terry had just had an operation and it was his birthday. There was a good display of horticultural machines which seems to be on the rise at many of the rallies with Jim and Mel Wakefield rarely far away from a good horticultural display. There was a good display of steam engines with both full size and miniature on display. The stationary engine lines were looking good with many club members on display, so I had a good walk around to see them all, many of them running and driving something which is great to see. The Norfolk Military Vehicle Group club put on a good display of ex-military vehicles. The weather was great, and we had a brilliant weekend.

To see all the photos, go to the out and about page on our website.

Gordon Carson - NVTEC-EA

Steel Tracks Plough Day 2018

Once again this event was organised by Sally and Neville Websdale and their stalworthy helpers with all proceeds going to Norfolk Big C – cancer charity.

Sally and Neville have organised this event for 11 years and it is a credit to them both. Myself and John visited Sally and Neville in the 2 weeks before this event takes place and after having a muddle over a cuppa and cake I began to realise just how much they themselves and their helpers put into organising this event and the behind scenes logistics are impressive to say the the least.

The event was held at North Elmham, on arrival the weather was dry, the ground was a little bit soft but not enough to deter the ploughman and visitors.

On our arrival most ploughman were already in attendance and before ploughing began Neville had the ploughman park up their tractors in an orderly fashion which made a great display. Neville also had on show his new "toy" that he had literally dragged from a hedgerow the day before- an impressive International TD18.

Ploughman taking part included David Giles – Fordson, Barry Ayres – John Deere, Gavin Chapman – Allis M, Andrew Downing – Track Marshall.



Along with watching the ploughing there was plenty of other activity to keep us occupied - guess the weight of the

pumpkin, tombola, whisky lucky number draw, and a very large raffle – with prizes donated from individuals and companies alike.



The weather held up for the morning and a steady number of visitors came through the gate, sadly at around half one the heavens opened but this did not deter the proceedings with the last few hardy ploughmen finishing of the field and the less so hardy seeking shelter in the tent. The raffle as usual contained the hilarities with Jaqueline Thompson being chief number caller and Sally allocating prizes for those winners not present – all above board of course !!!!

Credit to the charity representatives who stood out all day in the inclement weather shaking their buckets and collecting donations from the visitors, Kate Morgan was rewarded as Gavin Chapman allowed her to take control of his Allis M for a trip up and down the field.

The main aim of this event is to have fun, showcase tracked machinery but most of all to raise money for a worthy charity and this years event raised £ 2,807.95.

If you have not been to this event make a note in your diary for this years event then come and see a great display of working tracked machines and join in the afternoons fun.

Diary Date – 13th October 2019

Judy Webb - NVTEC-EA