



SEPTEMBER 2019

VINTAGE TORQUE

PRESERVING THE PAST FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

Catfest 2019

Ryan Hanchet & Chris Lee organised the Annual Vintage muck shifting weekend at Tostock on the 25th & 26th Of May . 15 , bulldozers, scrapers and graders worked both days to many enthusiasts enjoyment, plenty of grease and diesel used as were many burgers and teas consumed. £1500 was raised from donations on the entrance gate.

Ian Long - NVTEC-EA



Flying Visit To Magpas Air Ambulance



In May this year we held a vintage road run which we departed from Wyboston in Bedfordshire and raised a total of £735.00 in aid of Magpas air ambulance.

At the presentation we were invited to take two tractors to the Magpas base on the Ex RAF base at Wyton near Huntingdon to have photographs taken with the new larger helicopter just delivered.

As it is now operational there was a chance it may not be there as we arrived we could see it in the hanger with step ladders all round it. It was having some essential work going on. After we had pictures taken with the Magpas cars and the entire crew and doctors the pilot announced work was complete and it was being pushed out to run up and check for oil leaks.

In luck we got pictures with a Case SI and Massey 135 along side the Augusta Westland 169 (AW169) it was made in Italy and has a Pratt and Whitney 1200HP engine which burns Five kilos of fuel a minute.

A request comes in and within five minutes it is airborne and travelling at 150 miles an hour and can fly for two hours getting to the East Coast in twenty minutes, it covers all East Anglia.

On board are two pilots, paramedic, doctor and consultant .Having a larger layout it can carry more equipment and has more room to attend to patients.

Next year it will cost 5.3 million pounds to operate it so as much money we can raise will help them to continue their essential work.

Wayne Mitchell NVTEC-EA



Tractor Drive 2019



Early in 2018, Colin Holwell contacted me regarding the possibility of a tractor drive through Burghley Park, RAF Wittering and Burghley Estate. It sounded like a great idea and if anyone could pull it off, it would be Colin. I agreed to support as much as I could by publicising the event, distributing forms and flyers at shows. Colin's aim was to get 150 tractors to take part and I must admit at first I thought this was a tall order, however he took great pleasure in telling me he had got his 150 (The maximum RAF Wittering would allow) and had to turn away a further 50. Colin is very well known in the area but even so, that number is a well-earned accomplishment. Once everything was finalised, it was to be held on Sunday 14th April 2019 setting off at 9.45am and there was to be only 317 metres on a minor back road. I took a Fordson Dexta and David Askew's Fordson Major for him to take part. Despite organising our own club road run for the last 8 years with David and Peter Thorpe, I have never actually participated in a road run myself, so this was to be a first for me. We left Walpole Highway at 7.00am and arrived at Burley Park just after 8.00am to find Malcolm Robinson parking us up. We were soon unloaded, and people were arriving thick and fast. Parking was a bit sparse, so we were glad we got there early. After checking in and getting our numbers we met up with Bryan and Julie who were going around on one of the tractors and trailers provided. After a short health and safety speech we set off, although with 150 tractors to get going, there was no need for us to rush our cup of tea. Down we went through an underpass right under the A1 and headed round through the golf club. I'm sure the players must have wondered what on earth was going on. We carried on through Burghley park which I had never been to and then

down through the river and around the park. We then headed over the bridge, back through the golf club until we arrived at RAF Wittering. Up until this point, the weather had been mild but going up and down the runways was a bit fresh to say the least. Although once we turned at this end after our photoshoot it was 3 coats warmer. We then drove through Burghley Estate and back to the beginning for a lovely hog roast and warm cuppa. After watching the raffle, we loaded up and headed home. Overall, it was a great, enjoyable and relaxed day out. Thanks to Colin and all who



helped him for organising a superb event. With all that said, they also managed to raise several thousand pounds for charity so well done to all who supported the event. The money raised was presented to the two very worthy charities, Sue Fletcher was to receive a cheque for £1,500.00 for the Evergreen Care Trust and Christine Bish from the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution was to receive £1,500.00. Both very good charities and I am proud to have taken part to help such good causes.



Gordon Carson - NVTEC-EA



Tractor Drive 2019 Cheque Presentation

On Tuesday 18th June 2019, myself and Bryan were privileged to be asked to attend the cheque presentation for the money raised from the Tractor Drive held on the 14th April. This was organised by Colin and Kathleen Holwell with help from hosts at Burghley Estate David Pennell, Georgie and James and of course RAF Wittering's group Captain Keeling, Wing Commander Maxey and FL LT Louise Blakemore. Colin opened the evening with a speech thanking all by name who helped. Next, Wing Commander Maxey gave a speech and then went on to present the cheques. The reason for the event was to raise money for two nominated charities. The first to collect their cheque for the sum of £1,500.00 was Sue Fletcher from the Evergreen Care Trust from Stamford, Lincolnshire. Sue thanked Colin and Kathleen for organising the tractor drive and they explained that they are a non-profit organisation and their primary aim is to promote healthy ageing, something that I am sure we would all like some of. They have both paid and voluntary services with their paid services being on three levels, 1. Home support 2. Wellbeing and 3. Florence Care. They have roughly 130 volunteers who look after such things as advocacy, lunch clubs, hand and nail, chaplaincy, befriending, clean team and hospital care. You can visit their website www.evergreencare.org.uk for more information. Next up was Christine Bish from the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (R.A.B.I) who also received a cheque for £1,500.00. Christine also gave us some information about what they do. The R.A.B.I helps struggling farmers that are suffering from hardship. Whilst some do joke about farmers, the industry is not all rosy and although some do well, many struggle and I was surprised to find out it has one of the highest suicide rates so clearly the R.A.B.I is a real help to many. This can be anything from help to care for family members, allowing others to continue farming, installing things like stairlifts, or simply buying an appliance such as an oven or fridge/freezer to relieve some financial pressure. If you would like to find out more please visit www.rabi.org.uk. It is great to see that charitable events such as Road Runs, Rallies, Working Weekends etc that we all run and support really are making a difference to people so please keep us organising and supporting them. Lastly on behalf of the NVTEC-EA group, thanks to Colin and Kathleen for all their hard work, very well done.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO PETROL CAN TED

Many of you will have known my good friend Ted Gray for a lot longer than me. Ted was part of the NVTEC-EA group for many years including being the club secretary for many of them. Ted used to display stationary engines



and then moved on to showing his great display of petrol cans. I don't know of a better display of petrol cans in the country than Ted's. Despite no longer being on the committee, Ted is still a big part of the Stradsett Park Vintage Rally and helps throughout the year. Ted has been the trade steward for many years and I am extremely grateful he is still wanting to lend a hand to help us put on this great show each year. Ted and I make a great team when we are marking out and him and Bob work tirelessly Friday and Saturday sitting their traders and then from about 6am on the Sunday morning. So, to thank him for being such a good friend and a great help to me on Sunday 13th January 2019, we took Ted, Viv and a few others out to celebrate Ted's 75th birthday with a Sunday roast at The Barn Restaurant Terrington St John. Chris Hunt our then membership secretary makes cakes, so I asked her to make a cake for him in the fitting shape of a petrol can and it looked and tasted great. I can't thank Ted enough for all his help and support over the years so all I can say is Happy Birthday Ted and enjoy your free TV licence.

Gordon Carson - NVTEC-EA

Theft at Stradsett

Stradsett 2019 seemed to go very well with virtually no complaints, so I thought. Sadly, when I met up with one of our long-standing club members, I was informed that he and another club member had parts stolen from their tractors. I am personally very sorry and disappointed that this happens at any rally, let alone our own. It is such a shame that one or two can spoil it for everyone. Therefore, I am asking all exhibitors at future shows to keep their eye on each other's exhibits and please do not be afraid to approach somebody if they are messing around with an exhibit. At the same time, may I ask that you do not be offended if somebody does ask you if it is your exhibit, even if it is. Let's all do our best to stamp out theft.

If you have any information about either theft at the rally, please contact me. Gordon Carson - NVTEC-EA

Living in a Bulgarian Mountain village - Part I

Its now 18 months after loosing my wife Jane and although we both wanted to go and see the country that our son Keith had now adopted as home after some seven years. Due to Jane's ever increasing illness this was not to happen, but now after reorganising my life it was time to get my wings and see the world outside of the UK and also meet my daughter in law as Keith and Zoe had just got married. So after a visit to the local travel agent in Downham all was arranged to fly from Norwich to Bougas airport on



Thursday 16th May departing Norwich 10.25am and arriving Bougas Bulgaria at 15.50 a flight time of three hours and twenty five minutes plus the added two hour difference. My first in a plane and not to sure what to expect, so taking a sensible approach of taking a travel tablet seemed a reasonable idea.

All was well and having a seat with extra leg room and sitting next to the window the flight was a very pleasant experience.

After the obligatry checks I was welcomed by a good old family hug from Keith and Zoe before travelling about 85 mile to their home in the mountain village of Mildavidts. I hadn't entirely left the British weather behind, as we left Bourgas and heading along one of only a few motorways we were greeted with a thunder storm which lasted to the early evening. On arrival I was greeted by three dogs, two spaniels and a Heinz 57 Alsasion type. Jacobe a springer spaniel was to be my constant body guard and a very friendly companion even sleeping just outside the bedroom door. After unpacking - A tooth brush and underpants dont take long - Keith took me for a quick tour of the homestead while Zoe prepared the evening meal. The evening concluded sitting on the veranda drinking coffee and learning the does and don'ts when out and about. Ten thirty soon approached and though my body clock was only 8.30 I was ready to turn in and prepare for tomorrow.

After breakfast a daily rictual was carried out and I was asigned chicken watch duties as they free range on the front grass verges, as wild dogs find them a tasty morsel, while Zoe cleaned the chicken run and collected the eggs after tethering the goates out. Keith would see to the green house check the veg crops and any hay that either needed cutting or turning. Another job put my way after the chickens returned to their run was to walk the potatoe rows and remove any colarado beetles and put them in a plastic

bottle, sommthing I had never seen before. Once these tasks were completed the temperture was rising around 28C and 29C degrees and expected to reach around 32C it was time to retreat to the veranda and drink plenty of cool refreshing squash or iced tea. Kevin one of the English residents called because he couldn't get his lawn mower to start and after ideas from Keith and myself we were still unable to get it to start. After a few midday nibbles it was suggested we jump in the motor and go for a tour round the village as it was going to be far to hot to do anything till later in the day. The village about the size of Shouldham built on a mountain platueo is square in nature with a "main" road running along one edge with streets leading off. A few years ago the village supported 3000 inhabitants a school, shops, post office and community hall, but now and since joining the the EU in 2007 and demolishing the Commonist Rule the younger generations have seeked fame and possible futune in

the towns and cities. This village has now only 100 inhabitants on its books made up of mainly the widowed wives of the old commonist era a few small farmers and one big modern farm, gipsies and a small amount of English holiday homes making up the rest. As the people die



and the proprties do not get sold they just stand or fall according to the ellements and giving the appearance of abandement and poverty everywhere but is it? The school has now closed and been bought by two english men and revamped into a community and hopefully future holiday centre. There is still a shop but if a service van from a town further away doesn't call then you are unlucky, and post is none existant. Saying all this the views the wild life and the laid back pace of life is something to die for. The village people are scepticle of foreigners moving into their country but if you are prepared to blend into their slower and arcaic style of life they are very warm and welcoming. The villages dont have a parish counsel instead they have The Komet is like a Mayor and any problems or aguements are brought to him, In general he has the power to sort most of the disputes but on big issues he would report to the district office in town. Electricity supply is a lot better than it was but is still in a poor state along with the water supply and so needs to have a back up source when things go wrong, yes generators and garden wells are regularly used.

Peter Thorpe - NVTEC-EA (story to continue next issue)

Methwold Road Run 2019 In aid of Cancer support



At Newark show in 2018, we learned that one of our long-standing club members has been diagnosed with cancer in his 40's. As we all know at a time like this you feel helpless as there is very little you can do or say. However, some of his closest friends decided to raise some money for Cancer Support by the means of a charity road run to be held from Methwold in Norfolk on Sunday 19th May. This was to be the day after Matthew and Cheryl's wedding, so we had to change plans slightly and come home instead of staying over. We loaded the two 1963 Dexters into the box lorry and set off at 8.00am in the fog but arrived in sunshine. We enjoyed a bacon roll and a cup of tea and set off straight after Jack Dowe gave us a brief safety talk. We travelled through Methwold Hythe, passing Wissey sugar beet factory, down into West Dereham and then made our way to Church Farm going on many roads I had not been down before ending up at Church Farm Stow Bardolph where we were provided with a ploughman's lunch, water and great cake. We were met at Church Farm by the chairlady of

Downham Market Macmillan Support Team Sue Sampson and had a group photo with her standing in front of Jason Armsby's Allis Chalmers Model B Petrol/TVO. After our lunch stop, we headed back towards Oxborough Hall going through Boughton, Foulton and Northwold. We arrived safely back for tea and cake about 4.00pm where Steve Bruce thanked us all and announced we had raised well over £3,000.00 for Macmillan Cancer Support. There was a great variety of tractors from modern with cabs to old diesels like the Dexter myself and Bryan were on but amazingly there were several Petro/TVO tractors. You have got to be pretty confident to take a crank start petrol/TVO tractor on a road run so a credit to them. Anne Bruce was on a single cylinder Marshall tractor that is also very brave for a young lady as they are a bit slow. Very well done to all involved and thanks for a great day out.

Gordon Carson
NVTEC-EA



Moss Valleys Group visit to Walpole Highway

Early in 2019, Michael Spurr from The Moss Valley Group in East Yorkshire contacted us with regards to a visit to see our collection of tractors etc. We arranged for them to visit on Monday 13th May and luckily the weather was marvellous. Peter Thorpe came over to help me and Bryan get the tractors out and stayed to help put them all away which saved us some time. It's always a real treat for me to drive so many old machines on the same day. I got to drive a 1917 Moline Universal, 1917 Samson Sieve Grip, 1919 Heider Friction Drive, 1927 18-36 Hart-Parr, 1930 Hart-Parr 18-27 Row Crop, 1945 Moline GTA, 1949 Moline G (LPG), 1948 E-27N, 1954 Turner Yeoman of England, Two 1963 Dexters, 1948 Fordson 7VV8 Petrol lorry and lastly a 1927 Citroen Roadster. The group left about 1pm after a group photo. My son also brought over his 1954 Chevrolet pickup truck which always gets a fair bit of interest. We were all put away by about 4.30pm to end a good day. Thank you to Peter for all his help.

Gordon Carson - NVTEC-EA



International and Ford Join Forces



Many of the National Club and most of our East Anglia club will know either Matthew or Cheryl. Matthew is a big International enthusiast with several International tractors including B414, 10-20, F20, F12 Etc. We got to know Matthew many years ago at the rallies and became good friends. Matthew has helped me over the years with some great club stands at Malvern, Norwich and Newark. He was also my assistant rally organiser for Stradsett for a few years and worked very hard through some tough rallies. In 2016, I had to have an operation on my foot so this meant I could not exhibit at the Newark show, Matthew volunteered to put on our club's display and gained the help of David Mycock and David introduced Matthew to Cheryl and sparks flew from then on. Cheryl also comes from a vintage tractor family, the Procton's from Woolpit. But they run mainly Fords so for them both to join forces was a match made in heaven. We have got to know Cheryl, her dad and brothers over the past three years and they are a lovely family and knowing Matthew's family, I am sure they will all get along just fine. Their big day was to be May 18th, 2019 and we were honoured to be invited. Matthew's sister Jo is manager at Knights Hill Hotel so where better to host the wedding. We arrived about 1.15pm to find Matthews International B414 19 and his 19 Farmall F20 on steel wheels all set up with ribbons on. The bride arrived in a very well adapted carriage on the back of one of the Procter's tractors, a 1957 Grey/Gold Massey Ferguson 35. Young Avery West came all the way from Canterbury to be a very pretty flower girl, young master Creasy was a very smart page boy with his dad Aaron the second-best man. The ceremony went well although Matthew did struggle to get his words out at times, but seeing your wife arrive on a Ferguson when you are such an International fan would probably do that to you. Once we went through for the meal which was fantastic all the tables were set out with table names of Internationals and to top it all off the cake stand was the bonnet of a B414 with working lights. I must thank them all on a truly great day, the thought and work that went into this day was outstanding. I am sure they will have many years of happiness together but on behalf of myself and the National Vintage Tractor and Engine Club East Anglia, congratulations and all the very best for the future.

Gordon Carson - NVTEC-EA


Israel to Stradsett 2019

Just before the 2019 Stradsett Rally, I received a call from some people from a tractor museum in Israel. They wanted some information about the Rally we organise and whether we had old tractors there for them to come and see whilst they were visiting the UK. I told them about the rally and told them to ask for me when they arrived at the gates so we could meet up which they did. I had a nice chat to the technical manager of museum Itzik



Menkado. I didn't think of Israel having a vintage tractor museum but obviously they do and that's great to know. He enjoyed looking around all of the exhibits and we had our photo taken by the 1917 Samson Sieve Grip which he was particularly interested in and he kindly gave me a couple of leaflets from the museum as a keepsake.

Gordon Carson - NVTEC-EA






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


**WORKING WEEKEND
& PLOUGHING MATCH**


Hall Farm, Fincham, PE33 9DQ

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





Refreshments available all weekend

For entry forms and further information
contact the organiser:
David Mycock - 01366 500879 or
07977 337095

Mick Patrick – MM Services Skip Hire – Known as ‘Mick the Skip’



On Friday 10th May Mick Patrick got several of his tractors out in what was a very wet and muddy day. We had two very wet days and when I was there it was still raining. He had a coach coming on Friday afternoon and one on Saturday morning so I felt for him as it's a lot of work in such bad weather and it wasn't very nice to look around. I have dealt with Mick for the hire of skips for over 30 years. Mick is also very good to me at Stradsett rally for old rare tractors and the waste management. Despite the weather, I could not resist having a look around. I don't know of any other collection in the country that has so many rare vintage tractors, they may not be shiny but what a collection. Mick has 4 nice MM-S and the main theme for the

2020 Stradsett rally is Minneapolis-Moline so I will be hoping they will make an appearance although they are right at the back of his shed so it won't be a 5 minute job to get them out. There are many makes of vintage tractors that Mick owns; he has at least one from Rumley Oil Pull, Case, MM, International in all shapes and sizes, Fergusons, Eagle, Fordsons, Caterpillar, David Brown, John Deere, Zetor, Saundson, Avery, Samanden, Nelson, Allis Chalmers, Nuffield, Wallis, Hart Parr, Farmall, Vickers, Fowler, Lauson and many more.

Thanks to Mick for inviting me to look around.

Gordon Carson - NVTEC-EA



A Visit from Moss Valley Preservation Society

I was asked by Moss Valley Preservation Society from Sheffield if they could visit my tractor collection. They arrived by coach (old style one) on May 11th. Approx. 45 people really enjoyed seeing the display on my lawn and driveway which includes many crawlers, a great variation of tractors and many more under cover. This was followed by a visit on Tuesday evening from Dereham and Loddon Farm Machinery Groups, Wednesday evening NVTEC East Anglia came and other people. So many people passed through my yard being served



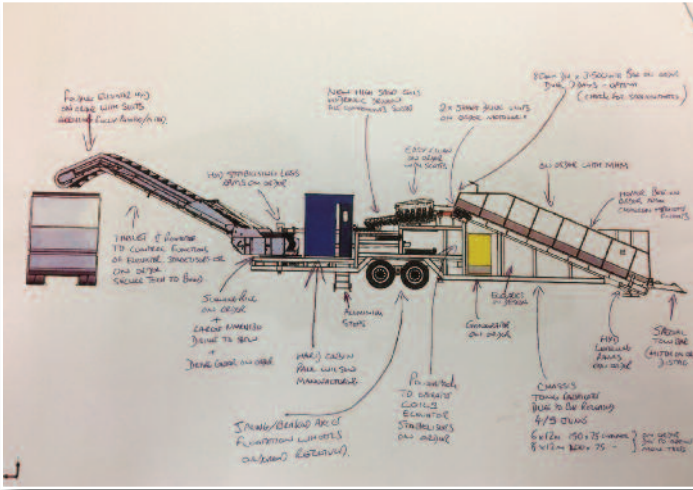
tea, coffee and biscuits, raising £427.24 for Big C. Appeal.

Many Thanks to everybody.

Neville Websdale



Summer Visit to Tong Handling Innovation since 1930

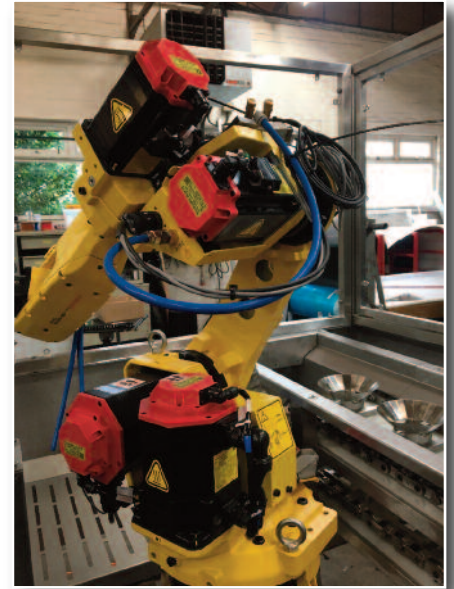


On Tuesday 11th June, one of the wettest days of the year we had gone from very dry to very wet and places had flooded in a matter of days. We decided to make our own way to the visit rather than hire a coach to keep the costs down. Despite the weather, we still had 13 members attend, we all arrived about 10am ready for a 10.30 start. Mr Charlie Rich the export sales manager welcomed us with tea, coffee and biscuits and then an introduction to the history of Tong.

Before I go any further, I must just say how welcoming they were, clearly a very busy place but they gave us 100% attention. They do a vast range of vegetable handling and cleaning equipment, one thing they are probably best known for is their Caretaker Mobile Grader but you may also need a Field loader Storemaker, Easy Clean, Screen Grading, Lift Roller Grader, Hoppers, Mobile Elevations, Easy Fill Box Filler and the list goes on. We were able to have a tour around the inside of the factory. People say Britain doesn't build things anymore, but Tong proves them wrong. They even make the screens from start to finish by hand, that's from a length of round steel bent to shape automatically by machine. Then put together by hand, square shape for potatoes and diamond for onions and go from 450mm wide to 2400mm wide. The man on the press



was using an old machine and was putting his hand into set them up which looked a bit dangerous but then he showed us you need both hands on the controls to work it, so ultimately very safe. The amount of stock was incredible but mind boggling to keep up with it all. They designed them all in house, price them in house, build and paint them in house and then sell



them all over the world including Australia. Just imagine the logistics of sending something so big from Spilsby Lincolnshire to Australia. At present they run from their 4-acre site but are currently building a state-of-the-art factory on a new 7-acre site although Charlie said with the recent weather, it is just a very big swimming pool at the moment. The company employ around 170 people split between their existing 2 sites. Virtually all their steel is now optimised and cut by their new LCG 3015 AJ 6000 Laser cutter. The machine will mark all parts cut with a label and if you have a part sheet it will let you know when to use it up. This can cut up to 25mm thick stainless steel. Tong must be a pretty good company to work for as they have staff that have started from school and then retired so spent their working life at Tong. The company currently turns over £15,000,000 per year and they are very proud to be British. We left there about 1pm and was supposed to be going to Baily Trailers but they had to cancel due to the severe weather conditions flooding the factory. Thanks to Ian for organising the visit but a big thank you to all at Tong for their great hospitality.

Gordon Carson
NVTEC-EA



Shelbourne & Orwell River Cruise

On 8th May we went on a trip organised by Swaffham Farm Machinery Club. First we stopped at Shelbourne in Stanton nr Bury St Edmunds, where we saw the manufacturing of grass mowing machinery, diet feeders for cattle and stripper headers for combines.



The 110,000 square foot factory on a 5 acre site currently employs 150 people and utilises some of the most sophisticated manufacturing equipment including: CNC machine centres, laser steel cutting machines and one of the UK's largest powder coat paint facilities.

We were given a very informative tour of the factory and we were given coffee and biscuits before our departure.

We then carried on to a River Cruise on The Orwell Lady which was built in 1979, it was a purpose-built Thames River Cruise Boat called New Mary Louise, operating from Westminster Pier for 11 years. After a ten-year spell taking passengers around Brownsea Island near Poole, Orwell Lady moved to Ipswich under her own power and started operating from Orwell Quay in 2001.



We sailed from Orwell Quay down the river to Harwich, sailing under the orwell bridge, built in the 1970's as part of the A14 improvement programme.



We then passed Freston Tower is a six-storey building dating from the mid 16th century, which makes it one of the oldest folly's in the country. In 1999 the Tower was handed over to the Landmark Trust and became available to let as a holiday home in late May 2004.

We also saw the iconic mast at the former HMS Ganges base at Shotley, The HMS Ganges was a training ship and later stone frigate of the Royal Navy it was established as a boys' training establishment in 1865, and was based aboard a number of hulks before moving ashore. The 143-foot mast is awaiting approval to be restored to its former glory.

We then sailed across the river from Harwich to Felixstowe where we saw massive container ships being unloaded, these ships were carrying 1000 shipping containers. The trip across the river was extremely choppy!

We then sailed back up the river to Orwell Quay, this time the tide had turned and we had to pass through the lock gates to enter the harbour.

After a very nice carvery meal and a pint we returned home to Norfolk.

Reg Fletcher
NVTEC-EA



Allis Chalmers All Crop 60 Harvester at Stradsett 2019



Our engine steward for the last few years, David Mycock bought a fairly tired old 1948 Allis Chalmers All Crop 60 from a small holding in Wretton Norfolk back in the late 90's along with his E27N. This was sold new by Cowlishaw & Sons of Methwold to Mr C Starling on 1st March 1949, for that time I bet he was proud as punch to get such a fine machine. David finally got around to start restoring the All Crop back in 2004, by then it required extensive restoration so was stripped down to the chassis, removing the engine, all panels, pulley and PTO, etc. Dave tells me the engine was good on the combine so only had to replace the rocker cover gasket and check valve clearance. The chassis required some welding and many new replacement panels needed to be refabricated to match



the existing old ones. After many hours of work and lots of cost, it was cleaned down and given a new coat of paint. This was probably hard for Dave as he doesn't really do painted tractors but clearly had no choice with this one. However, he did a superb job and it looked

so great he won the as my 'Rally at the 2019 Stradsett the ring being pulled B 1941 registration was the man on the fantastic looking all ticking over and running smoothly. I did get a good photo



of all three, Malcolm in the middle, David on the Allis B pulling the All Crop 60 and brother Daniel on his 1950 Allis Chalmers Model B. This is a fantastic machine and I know Dave will be showing it at Weeting which I will unfortunately miss. Just a reminder to all that Stradsett Rally 2020 will be held on Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd May due to the bank holiday move.

Well done David it looks great.

Gordon Carson - NVTEC-EA



Stuart Baileys Finally Marries



at his dads. Stuart was once the club secretary for the NVTEC-EA group and is still a club member and we are grateful for his support at Stradsett Park Vintage Rally. Both Stuart and Julie made us very welcome and it was a great night out. Thank you both and congratulations, we wish you well for the future.

Gordon Carson - NVTEC-EA

Stuart marries the love of his life, and no I don't mean his Fordson E27N which we all know he thinks a lot of. We have got to know Stuart over the years and he always supports the club stand at both Malvern and Newark with his E27N. We were fortunate to be invited to his wedding reception on Friday 15th February 2019 at Woburn Safari Park near Bedford. Stuart comes from Shouldham Thorpe and despite now living in Bedford, he still keeps his tractor and lorry there



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

**It will take place on Thursday November 21st 2019
7:30pm at Ryston Park Golf Club**

Proposed Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Adopt Minutes of the A.G.M. held on November 15th 2018
3. Matters arising from the Minutes of AGM 2018
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 2019.



Spring Coach Visit to

BLACK COUNTRY LIVING MUSEUM

Wednesday 15th April 2020

Restricted spaces so book now

The coach will leave from D&H Harrod Coaches Ltd, Bexwell Aerodrome, Downham Market, PE38 9LU

Start time: 7am sharp and we will arrive back around 6pm

Prices: Adult: £30.00 / OAP 65+: £25.00 / Under 14's: £20.00 / Under 3: FREE



Lunch will be at an additional cost so you can choose what you like on the day.

They have Fish & Chips, two Cafés and a bakery.

Please go to www.bclm.co.uk for more information.

Payment methods: Cash or Cheques made out to NVTEC-EA and send to Gordon Carson, Bank Farm, Fence Bank, Walpole Highway, Wisbech, Cambs, PE14 7QT

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Please make it clear who the payment is from.

Junior Club

Hope your all keeping well, enjoy your summer holidays from school and enjoy any projects you may be undertaking. **Debbie Curry.**

CLUB CLOTHING: Contact Debbie 07745484026
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:
Erin in September
Sammel and Sophie in October
Chole November
Alexander and Oliver December



Hello Everyone

We are now half way through the rally season I hope you have enjoyed events so far. Ploughing matches and working days are coming towards us fast.

Please let me know if any of our members have passed on we like to send a card if we know. Also if you have change in address or phone numbers so I can update them. If you are renewing or making a membership please remember to include a SAE.

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

Wayne Mitchell



WINTER MEETINGS

October 17th - Ross Alcock, Clock Restoration.

November 21st - AGM & Charity Cheque Presentation

December 19th - Brian Knight, Knight Sprayers & Ron Knight collection

January 16th - Jonathan James, Mud to Millions

February 20th - Ian Robertson, Elvendon Estates

March 19th - Martin Dickinson, Farming in China

Rally Organisers Chat

Hi all,

I hope you are all enjoying the rally season which will soon be coming to an end for another year. We will be having a club stand at Newark again this year and at Malvern in spring 2020 so if anybody would like to be on the stand, please make it clear on the entry form and let me know. I am sure you will all have heard by now but our Stradsett Rally for 2020 only will be held on Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd May with exhibitors able to arrive from 9am on Thursday 30th April. We have organised a coach trip to the Black Country Living Museum for Wednesday 15th April 2020 (please see ad for full details) Please let me know if you would like to attend and send across your payment ASAP and finally don't miss out on the Working Weekend in September, see you all there.

Be good.

Gordon Carson - NVTEC-EA

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Downham Market Carnival

David Askew rallied the troops and once again to bring a varied selection of tractors together and take part in the grand Downham Carnival Parade. Downham once a very agricultural Town needs to be reminded from time to time of its past and in a small way the NVTEC-EA group bring this to the town on Carnival Bank Holiday Monday. The Carnival Parade gathered at Heygates Mill with several Floats, Bands, Classic Cars, Vintage Tractors and vehicles from the Emergency Services. The parade commenced at 12.15pm passing through well supported crowds along Railway Rd., Bridge St., High St. round the traffic lights along Church Rd. then up Howdale Rd. onto the Howdale. This is another annual event that keeps our club in the public eye which helps to keep us a thriving Club.

Peter Thorpe - NVTEC-EA



David Askew driving his Fordson Major E27N



Keith Gore and his McCormick Farmall M

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)