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# VINTAGE TORQUE

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## Christmas Wishes from your Rally Organiser

By the time you read this it will be late November/early December and will be the last Vintage Torque of 2019. Thanks to all who have contributed write ups to the magazine over the last 12 months and Jane for all her hard work putting it together so well. The year started well when we won best club stand at the Three Counties Show in Malvern back in February. Sadly, the Road Run turned very wet but nevertheless we managed to raise £3,500 for East Anglia Air Ambulance. Thank you all for helping and supporting Stradsett Park Rally. I know I probably sound like a broken record by now but don't forget Stradsett Park Vintage Rally will be held on Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd May 2020 with the theme being Minneapolis Moline and Eastern European Tractors. We then enjoyed a couple of summer visits so please don't miss out on our 2020 coach trip to the Black Country Museum on April 15th. Lastly, we had a very good working weekend with some good weather. Overall, I think the club had a very successful year thanks to you all.

This year the club lost Chris Hunt due to retirement. Chris was our membership secretary for many years and will sadly be missed by the Club. Fortunately, Wayne Mitchell has kindly taken on the role and I hope we can all give him our support. The club sadly lost David Grimes on Monday 26th August and although the knowledge and experience is gone, he will certainly be remembered and missed by many.

You should have your membership renewal and your rally entry form enclosed so please complete them and return as soon as possible. Thank you for taking the time to read this and that just leaves me to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year and I must thank the committee and my friends and family for supporting me again this year.

All the best to you all,  
Gordon Carson - NVTEC-EA

## The Classic Meets the Modern

A step back in time...

Where the John Deere 5010 came face to face with the latest John Deere 9520RX.



Malcolm Bush drove this 5010 at the Doubleday demonstration day in September where he put it to work with a set of 8.2 metre Cousins HZ Cambridge rolls. Malcolm was one of the first drivers of this original 5010 when he worked at G W Towler and Sons who farmed near King's Lynn and brought this tractor from Mitcham Agricultural Machinery Ltd at Burwell.

The John Deere 5010 was brought in September 2003 by the Director of J W Doubleday Ltd, Graham Collishaw and it now remains in his private collection. Malcolm was very pleased to be given the opportunity to get back on and drive the John Deere 5010 for old times' sake, he said it was great to be back in the drivers seat.

Built in 1964 the John Deere 5010 was the prime mover of its day, with an output of 106hp and two-wheel drive, there were only 7553 ever made and only 10 of those were imported to the UK.

Back in the day the John Deere 5010 was an incredibly big and useful tractor for the bigger farming jobs. The modern 9520RX has a whopping 520hp and has 4 rubber articulated tracks allowing the tractor to cover more ground using larger implements with less compaction. The 9RX is being made in the same factory in Waterloo USA just over 50 years after the 5010.

## Soap box racing from Hunstanton September 2019



Our local Claas dealers A. Woods were represented at Hunstanton this year with 2 soap boxes built by Alan Thorpe & William Longford both who are service engineers for A. Woods. Both were made from scrap bits and pieces in their lunch times and after work.

The first soap box was called Woods wacky wacer driven by Sally Alexander in the morning

run and Jordon Elston in the afternoon, both pushed off by Walt Alexander and Dean Elston. Second soap box was class act, driven by Alan Thorpe and pushed off by Errol Dunham and Cam Sleight. Unfortunately William couldn't make the races due to a prior commitment



Racing was very fast and competitive with a few crashes, a couple of major ones at that.

If you've never been I must say you really don't know what you are missing.

Ian Long  
NVTEC-EA

## YORK CASTLE MUSEUM

Early September 2018, me and my wife Jayne took a short break to York to see the sights. We arrived lunch time, checked in to our hotel and soon after went into the city centre. As we only had a part day, we firstly visited the recently refurbished Jorvik Viking centre which was fascinating. The next day, straight after breakfast we walked to York Castle Museum and I must admit was expecting a museum with artefacts which I suppose in a way it was but much better than I expected. At the start of the tour was information about the castle, which was once a female prison. You then enter a display of period rooms and toys through the years. The part I was really looking forward to was Kirkgate, known as the Victorian Street which is named after the museum's founder Dr John Kirk, who was a collector who wants to preserve a way of life he saw disappearing, much like all of us really. This section is a must see, this example of a Victorian street shows what life was like for people living in York between 1870-1901. Many of the shop fronts and objects on display are the originals, you



get to see sweet shops, grocers, taxidermists, house furnishings, police cells, pharmaceutical chemist, gunsmith and a factory that made candles from mutton fat.

We came across a lovely old car - it was a 1907 Colibri and was built at the Norddeutsche AutomobilWerke in Germany, it has an 860cc engine and a three-speed gearbox with reverse. On the windscreen is an Automobile Association (AA) badge number 9892, the AA was originally formed in 1905 as a cyclist patrol to help motorists avoid police speed traps, offering insurance policies from 1907. By 1914, the AA had 83,000 members. Automobiles were first seen in York in 1904 and adverts for motor vehicles soon appeared in the local papers alongside articles and letters about speeding, accidents and parking offences. The legal speed limit was 12 miles per hour. I love walking around this sort of thing - I could have spent all day there, if you go to York, it's worth a visit.



Gordon Carson  
NVTEC-EA





## Living in a Bulgarian Mountain village - Part 2

After lunch Keith and Zoe had planned an afternoon trip around the mountain that creates a wonderful backdrop when you are relaxing on the varanda. We left the village heading in an anti clockwise direction around the Golyam Manistar mountain, our first stop was at the village of Skalitsa this was to walk and sit amongst Skalitsa healing stones that locals say have healing powers. From this high vantage point we were able to look across and see Greece way over in the distance also at the base of this part of the mountain and stretching out into the valley is a large Power station that supplies power to the south eastern corner of Bulgaria. Travelling further round the mountain we came to the village of Gen. Toshevo which is about midway on the opposite side of the mountain, here there was a large Co-op dairy farm which blended into the mountainside and on the opposite side of the road the mountain side dropped away and a vast panoramic view of the large farming valley spread as far as the eye could see till the next range of mountains came into view. Carrying on our circular trip around the mountain Keith suddenly anchored up for what appeared no good reason only to see perched on branches of a tree beside the road was a Lesser spotted Eagle though native to the country they are not commonly seen this close up in the wild and after a couple of clicks with the camera he was gone.

My week is passing by very quickly so this morning as it was a bit overcast though temps still 22-23C, I ventured off on my own to look at the local agriculture as this had been my passion for all my working life. Once out of the village the fields are vast and 100acre plus, the crops are not so different from back home Durum wheat was the main milling wheat for pasta and normal feed wheat for animal feed. Oilseed Rape is replacing mustered and growing alongside Sunflowers for producing cooking oils. Spring wheat and poor bits of spring barley are cut green to make whole grain silage though this may be replaced by maiz which is a very minor crop at the moment. The machinery on these large co-op farms is big and very modern though some bits and pieces of the old communist era are still found to be useful. The small village farms mainly use the old Belarus tractors and small machinery salvaged from the communist times. Farmers tend not to have their own grain stores so at harvest anything that is grain tight is pressed into action and corn is carted direct to grain stores and silo's near large towns. Mr Health and Mr Safety has not ventured out from their ivory towers in the towns and cities so there is a very big gap between the old and new farming in this country - like 50 years - but it is catching up fast. Late morning we set off to go to town the nearest being Yambol some 25miles east of the village, what is noticeable is how village boundaries end abruptly and there is no small farm settlements or sparatic houses in the country side till you reach the next village usually 5 – 10 miles away. Yambol is an old town that is now rapidly regenerating its self and can be compared to Kings Lynn with its sprawling industrial areas serounding the town centre. The centre piece of the newly

reformed Yambol is a long very wide paved shopping Park Mall, its about one mile long lined with shops, teashops, offices all interspersed with trees and grass play areas and gardens and outdoor seating that doesn't impede the business of shopping. To take in the full splendor of this very modern town experience we took lunch at one of the outdoor restruants where we had two drinks each and hot main course meal. As a treat to my Son and Daughter in law I picked up the bill which was 28.5 Lev = £13.50 yes this was very cheap to me but remember everything is relative and wages reflect this. After the lesiurly Lunch we abled through the large covered market about the size of the tuesday market place in Kings Lynn. This was a typical town and farmers market where everthing for the house hold, the garden and all the fresh fruit and veg could be found. Of corse like all modern european towns the super market is ever present and as we walked the isles I was comparing prices and finding branded products were in the main the same as as Tesco's or Morrison's in the UK. We also stopped off at the Turkish Bazzar sale site where tools old, new and second hand could be found, also small animals and chickens were also for sale, this reminded me of the saturday markets that used to be on the cobbles at Swaffham.

During my week in Bulgaria keith kept me busy with odd jobs to earn my keep, one such job was lime washing the fruit trees, this was inter spursed with heaping and carting of hay. On the Tuesday evening we were invited to neighbours Galier And Boncho who has a small farm just out of the village. They made us very welcome and asked us to join them drinking a glass or two or three of Rakkia which tastes like brandy or snaps. This is of corse a local brew so I asked if they knew what the alcohol level was, the reply was usually arround 54% proof no wonder I was feeling rather squify when we came out. Still work had to be done so of we went to fetch the horse home from its day grazing a neighbouring medow and see the rest of the animals were fed and watered before having an evening snack followed by a very good night's sleep - I wonder why -.

After the belated wedding celerbration drinking with Keith's neighbours, Keith was feeling rather under power and took most of the morning to recover. Good old Dad on the other hand surprised himself and was feeling good and took on keith's role to check things out. Just before lunch the three of us went up to top field which is on the other side of the village to heap the hay that had been turned the previous day. On returning to HQ for lunch the goates were brought in as the temperatue was beginning to soar. After a long leisurely lunch a check on local weather reports there was a yellow weather warning of heavey thunder storms over night and early morning, so after some disscussion we decided to hitch the trailer to the 4x4 and bring the hay home. Just as I was getting my hat and camera there was a scream of horry and excitement as a good size snake lay basking in the middle of the yard. After dealing with the not so little critter we

set about getting the hay from top field home and under cover, three load in all and completed by 5 o'clock. All the hay gathered in this week has been loose stored under cover and will be baled next week. An evening meal at around 7pm and watch the sun go down brings a closing curtain on my first of hopefully many visits to Bulgaria.

Peter Thorpe - NVTEC-EA





## Holbeach Rip Up



**Robbie Thorpe Track Marshall Britannia  
& Ford Ransome Disc harrows.  
Colin Tibbs Leyland 255 & Ripovator**

Not a plough in sight as I was invited to attend Robbie Thorpe's Drag Day (Agricultural Cultivations) Sat 14th Sept. On the outskirts of Holbeach the 30 plus acre field was attacked with great gusto by some 16 tractors, chisel ploughs, cultivators and disc harrows from the hey days of the 60's and 70's.

This was a true working day where you needed to bring your own lunch and it was good to see the air intake stack being used for what it was designed, to carry the lunch bag. This being the home town of the late machinery manufacturing company Bettinson's, it was not surprising to see dual and cage wheels from the company being used to aid traction and help prevent soil compaction. Also working with this in mind was a Ford 5000 on oversize tyres and a Field Marshall Britannia crawler No.20 out of only 30 built. Many thanks to Robbie Thorpe for organising this unique day where the lesser thought about pieces of passed cultivation equipment held presidency over the plough.

Peter Thorpe - NVTEC-EA



**Martin Dickinson Fordson Super Major  
& Ransome 9tine drag**



**Robbie with Grandson, future looks good**

## RADIO CONTROLLED STOCKCAR AND BANGER RACING

My other hobby from tractors is stockcar and banger racing. Years ago I used to race Reliant Robins, Van bangers and 2ltr National Saloon Stockcars all over the country mainly in East Anglia. Now a days I race radio controlled stockcars and bangers which are battery powered.



I mainly race with my nephew Harvey, in East Anglia at Brandon, March, Wisbech and in Essex at Brentwood. Cars are all built the same as real bangers and stockcars.

Alloy bangers are made from 2mm thick alloy, every meeting I race all the bangers get bent up, in between races we get repair time, so I pull the shell out so the wheels can turn.

Stockcars are plastic you can still have a good crash 9 times out of 10 you don't get much damage. Racing is every Thursday and Friday's nights and at weekends.

Thanks to Supreme Windows, Station Road Garage Heacham for their sponsorship, also I put NVTEC-EA on all my cars to try and get people to join NVTEC-EA club.

Wayne Mitchell - NVTEC-EA

## GUESTWICK TRACTOR RUN 2019

Another very successful fund raiser of £730.00 to be split between Fakenham Parkinson's Support Group Charity and the Big C Charity. A very big thanks to Carl Gray and his family for preparing our food, another big thank you to Sarah Price for being able to host the event at The Old School Guestwick at such short notice. Also, thanks to Cynthia Dent who donated the lovely cake as well as cash from her and her friend. Thank you to Carl and Mim Vout, Sheila Jones and the many people who donated prizes for the raffle. Finally, I would also like to thank Paul Dent who got us to the pub and back on time. Little Tom, Mark, Penny and the 46 tractor drivers thank you all very much. See you all next year on Sunday 24th May 2020.

Kevin and Elsie Roye.



# NVTEC-EA Group Working Weekend 2019

This year our working weekend fell on Saturday 30th August and Sunday 1st September and the weather up to and during the weekend was great. David and Claire Mycock with help from some club members and their family all worked hard to put this on for our club members. We get the use of the land from Mr



Hugh Mason who is very kind to us and in return, we support his charity 'Moth in a China Shop'. The raffle was huge with many great prizes being donated so thanks for all who generously donated. I went along on the Sunday to have the day photographing and to help clear up; you can see all my photos at [www.nvtec-ea.org.uk](http://www.nvtec-ea.org.uk). Working weekends are a very big part of the vintage world and it gives people the chance to try their new machines out or maybe their new plough or cultivator. It can also be good to get tips and advice from other club members, some of our members have spent their lives on the land and can certainly show you a few tips. Some of course may have only ever had the opportunity to experience working on the land by being part of the working events such as these but that isn't to say they couldn't show you a thing or two.

Matt Fowler from Manea was there to try out his 6-cylinder Fordson Major that he had spent the winter converting from the usual 4-cylinder. He fitted a Ford Dorset 27-15E 110 horsepower diesel engine and it looked good. This was the first outing and he also had a Ransome TS90 4 Furrow Plough, it seemed to be going well. It is not secret that my passion is the older tractors, so it was great to see Barry Ayres on his 1930 Hart Parr 18-36 on steel wheels. He was ploughing with his 2 Furrow Oliver TNT trailed plough. The next steel wheeled



tractor was Mr David Britton on his very nice 1918 Fordson Model F with the ladder rack radiator pulling his nice Ransome No 3 Mortac Plough. Malcolm Bush was happily ploughing with his Fordson E27N fitted with an electric start and lights. Amazingly, Malcolm has been supporting the NVTEC-EA club for over 40 years. Jim Smart and Peter Thorpe brought along the Caterpillar D4, this 1939 crawler was new to Smart Brothers and Jim recalls his first job on the farm back in 1957 was to go to Ransome at Ipswich and pick up the Ransome Jumbo Trak plough seen working over the weekend. Neil Ayres was dragging with his Allis Chalmers Model U running superbly. This 1936 tractor carries the registration number KPW-198 and our David Brown is KPW-44. Mr Phillip Garmen was on a good-looking little machine, it's a 1950 dean tool caver fitted with a 4-cylinder side valve Ford engine. David Mycock had his Allis Chalmers Model M Crawler there which made easy work of his



drag. Danny Burlingham is known for his Lorries but had brought along his Fordson Major and was happy to be giving it a go.

There were several Horticultural machines working away and putting on a great show. There was a small but good display of stationary engines and with Mason Farms providing the teas, coffees, hot dog and burgers etc what a great weekend we had. The Sunday of course brought the competition boys out which I am happy to sponsor each year, but they are way out of my league.

The ploughing winners for 2019 were as follows; in the Trailed category, Alan Newman won first place followed by Alan Foster in second and Wayne Reynolds in third. For Horticultural, Terry Dewsbury won first place, Jackie Thompson came second, and Ian Thompson came third (I bet that hurt). The Modified category saw David Disdel win first place, David Allen was in second and John Lark got third. Finally, the modified mounted winners were Peter Copeman in first and Ben Miller in second so a very well done to all the winners and runners up as well as everybody who took part to make such a good weekend.

The dates for next year are 5th and 6th September 2020 so if you would like to take part, please complete the entry form found on the NVTEC-EA website [www.nvtec-ea.org.uk](http://www.nvtec-ea.org.uk) and return to David Mycock.

Thank you very much to all involved in organising such a fantastic weekend.

Gordon Carson - NVTEC-EA



## East Coast Pirates Great Yarmouth



On the 1st September 2019, East Coast Pirates Car Club held

their 13th Birthday bash in Great Yarmouth.

A wide range of Classic and American Cars, trucks, bikes, trikes and hot rods lined the Marine Parade held in conjunction with Joyland



American Family Diner with live music and very entertaining Jive Dancers.

Fedden and produced by the Bristol Engine Company starting in 1939. It was the first of their single sleeve valve designs to see widespread use, powering many aircraft in the mid-World War II timeframe. When started the engine sound was deafening.

The Rolls-Royce Merlin is a British liquid-cooled V-12 piston aero engine of 27-litres capacity. Rolls-Royce designed the engine and first ran it in 1933 as a private venture and used in many World War 2 Planes.

Reg Fletcher NVTEC-EA.



A Rolls-Royce Merlin and a Bristol Hercules Aero engine, were displayed near the Britannia Pier.

The Bristol Hercules was a 14-cylinder two-row radial aircraft engine producing 1,735 hp designed by Sir Roy



Would you be able to save a little space for a little add, we are doing a display at Thursford in April.

## DOWNHAM HERITAGE SOCIETY / PLOUGH TO PLATE



Downham Market Heritage Centre is based in the old Fire station on Priory road. This is a voluntary run society displaying some of the passed history of Downham and District with displays and artifacts displaying our past history. On Sunday September 22nd

2019 the centre held a Free open day with a theme of basic food production since the second world war. Displays from Heygate and son's Flour Mill, Askew and Barrett pulses Ltd, British Sugar Wissington tractors and machinery provided by members of NVTEC-EA and Downham YFC made this a very successful day. The day was rounded off with a ploughmans supper and Quiz Night.

Peter Thorpe  
NVTEC-EA





## Old work mates re-unite



On Saturday 6th July 2019 Pygott & Croone Auctioneers, held their annual Bicker farmers summer collective farm sale just off the Bicker roundabout on the A17 heading to Newark. I was contacted by two people to let me know that Bryan's old Massey

Ferguson 525 combine was in there for sale. Bryan had sold the combine over 20 years ago before he retired so we felt we should go and have a look. The 525 Combine was Bryan's from new and worked on both his farms at Walpole Highway and his farm at Gedney. Bryan recalled having to wait for Sutton Bridge to swing in the early hours of the morning whilst bringing it back from Gedney to



Walpole Highway. The Massey Ferguson 525 was built back in 1975 with registration number NDO 731M, it had 10 Foot header and looked in very good condition. It sold for a small sum of £785.00; unfortunately the combine was too big for us to move about so wasn't something we were interested in buying but it was nice for Bryan to see it again after all those years and I did manage to get him to sit in it and stand next to it for a couple of photographs. I was very lucky to have purchased a very nice Massey Ferguson finger mower for just £200.00+ VAT and my luck continued when we bumped into Malcolm Bush and Terry Myhill who had brought along his trailer. Terry kindly offered to bring the mower home for me so a big thank you to them.

Gordon Carson NVTEC-EA



## Vintage Tractor Charity Road Run Sunday 5th April 2020

Based at Walpole Highway  
10 am for 10.30am Start

The Road Run will begin  
at Cedar Lodge,  
Walpole Highway,  
Wisbech, Cambs,  
PE14 7QT.



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[www.nvtec-ea.org.uk](http://www.nvtec-ea.org.uk)



All tractors must  
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Supreme Windows Ltd  
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Sat 2nd & Sun 3rd May 2020



## 44<sup>th</sup> Stradsett Park Vintage Rally



- Steam Engines - Mini Tractor Pulling - Dogs Welcome -



A Great Day Out Supporting Local Charities  
Adults £7.50 Under 16s Free 10am - 5pm Daily

2020 Theme: 100 Year Old Tractors,  
Minneapolis Moline, Eastern European Tractors



- Catering - Fairground - Ring Displays - Trade Stands -

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



Don't forget to bring out your MM and any Eastern  
European tractors... we would love to see them



# Living History Festival 2019

Viv and Ted keep their horses at Abbey Farm at East Walton, Kings Lynn, Norfolk. East Walton was awarded some lottery funds for the village to repair the church and to celebrate they organised the East Walton Living History Festival to be held the last weekend of June 2019, with re-enactment groups such as Romans, Vikings, Medieval, Napoleonic, WWI and WWII. Ted could not attend as he was on holiday so asked if I could stand in for him. I was more than happy to help, I took along the 1954 Turner Yeoman of England Mk3

with its 4-cylinder V engine, the Massey Harris 33 with electric start and is a standard petrol. This was built in 1954 but still runs and sounds great. Ian and



Julia savage from Brown Hill, Norfolk brought along their little Lister diesel auto-truck, this is a 2 cylinder and built in 1959 but in 1973 it had a 7hp Lister service exchange engine fitted. These auto trucks were used in the industrial industry and believed this one worked in Perkins Engines at Peterborough. Mr Savage brought this from ... in 2017 but has since striped it and fitted a ring gear and starter motor. It started and ran very well and is fitted with a loud foot bell which no doubt you would ring when going through doorways, these were also used by the Navy & RAF and called a tug. Mr Savage has got this road legal and it weighs just under 1 tonne. 1 year ago, to the day, it took Serina, the local landlady from The Stag Pub to church for her wedding. Mr John Parry from East Walton kindly brought along his 16" Qualcast cylinder mower built around the year 1935, it has a 2 stroke Villian's engine from 1943.



The Saturday was very hot and a bit quiet, but they laid on a free hog roast for us all in the evening which was very good indeed. As with all events you need a field and a host, and this was all kindly provided by Bill Lewis and his family. They also supported us by bringing one of their farm tractors over, a Massey Ferguson 17618 Dyna VT. Sunday morning brought us a bright and sunny day and Jim and Mel Wakefield brought along a very nice display of hand tools with Jim spending much of the day chatting to the public, demonstrating and challenging the public to tell him what the tools were used for. Mr V Baker also brought his very nicely restored Massey 35 Built in 1961 and restoration no 612 BHO. A big thank you to all that supported us with an exhibit or just came to help on the stand.

Gordon Carson NVTEC-EA



## 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](http://www.bclm.co.uk) for more information.

Payment methods: Cash or Cheques made out to NVTEC-EA and send to  
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# Doubleday Working & Cultivation Demonstration Day



I was asked if I could go and take some pictures at their Working day at Stow Bardolph which I did with no hesitation, on arrival I was given a free voucher for complimentary drink with free burger or hot dog, saved that treat till the end of my wander round and very nice they were too!

There was also the chance to win some country clothing and footwear- I awaited the phone call to say I had won but alas it wasn't to be - fantastic prize giveaway which would have solved some of my Christmas shopping dilemmas !

There was a wide range of tractors and machinery on display and at work, I didn't know where to start with the pictures but soon started clicking away.



There were vaderstat drills, sulky combination drills, Garford precision drills, Cousins Rolls and Stubble Cultivators , Gregore Beeson ploughs , Bomford mowers and Kramer Telehandlers and of course Jolly Green Giants everywhere, ranging from the 6 series right through to the awesome 9RX . I started wandering around the sight and bumped into

Malcolm Bush who was stood beside a Vintage John Deere that was pulling a set of Cousins Rolls, it turned out the Tractor on the rolls was the same Tractor Malcolm Drove when he worked on a local farm.

Malcom was given the opportunity to have a drive of his old work horse which he gladly accepted.

I was busy taking pictures when a voice from behind said are you Judy to which I replied yes, I was

asked to follow him unbeknown to me a ride in the awesome John Deere 9RX had been arranged for.

My Driver was Alex Child chief salesman at Doubledays, I must say thank you again for my ride in the biggest tractor John Deere make, I think that's got 4 times the hp than my 9 tractors have together.

Judy Webb. - NVTEC-EA

## Seasonal Greetings

Hello Everyone

Hope you all have had a good rally season and ploughing matches throughout the Autumn. Now Christmas is only around the corner I wonder what you have on your Christmas list.

Now is the time of year to renew you NVTEC-EA membership for 2020. When you send your membership forms back to me. **PLEASE ALSO INCLUDE A S.A.E**

Also if you have change of address , phone numbers and email address .You can also get a membership form ,from myself at any winter meeting or look online at NVTEC-East Anglia and follow the link [emailmembership@nvtec-ea.org.uk](mailto:emailmembership@nvtec-ea.org.uk)

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Wayne Mitchell - Membership Secretary



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Alexander and Oliver in December

Thomas, Ezra and Harvey in January

Jacob and Harry in February

Lucas, George and Lily in March





## Cars at the Mill 2019



On Thursday 18th July, we were asked along to the Cars at the Mill event. This is held at Bearts Mill just over the railway crossing in Stowbridge Norfolk. This was the 4th annual event; in 2016 they raised £700.00 for the Norfolk Blood Bite's, in 2017 they raised £1,000.00 for the Norfolk Hospice Tapping House and 2018 also raised £1,000.00 and this was split between the Stowbridge village playing field equipment and the men's shed Downham Market where they supplied a portacabin for use as a workshop. The money raised from the 2019 event is also to be split between 'Hope for Heather' and the New Memorial to Forgotten Heroes of the RAF Downham Market. The money given is an important contribution to the Downham Market Bexwell Memorial Trust Appeal and the money raised is to produce a prestigious

memorial commemorating all the RAF personnel who made that ultimate sacrifice whilst serving at RAF Downham Market from 1942-1945. The memorial is to be an impressive 26-meter-long and produced in the best quality polished black granite. I wish them well and look forward to seeing it finished. If you wish to donate or find out more about the memorial, please visit [www.rafdownhammarket.com](http://www.rafdownhammarket.com).

We took along the 1949 Fordson 7V Registration no KZ - 1412. This drop-side lorry is fitted with a V8 petrol engine. It is a 5-ton Post War Thames Trader and was built by Ford Motor Co Ltd, Dagenham, Essex but there was a fine range of cars old and new from Ferraris and Aston Martins to Ford RS, motor cycles and much more. We had a very enjoyable evening and was made very welcome so thanks to all involved.

Gordon Carson - NVTEC-EA



## OBITUARY: DAVID EDWARD GRIMES - 1935-2019 - AGE 83



David, a founder member of the NVTEC-EA group was born in Dersingham on 23rd September 1935 and was raised in Sandringham. He was educated at St. Georges School, Dersingham, Norfolk. After leaving school, David started work at W.H Kings of South Gates, King's Lynn who were the Ford main tractor dealers and he

trained as an agricultural engineer. During this time David was called up to do his National Service joining the RAF. On returning from his National Service duties David went to work for Clarke Bros of Gaywood who were a Rootes main dealer garage where David's skills in engineering turned to motor cars, vans and lorries.

By this time a courtship had blossomed and in 1956 David married the love of his life Shirley. In 1958 David and Shirley were to move into a new house in Church Lane, Roydon where they lived until his death on 26th August 2019. David was a true countryman loving and being inspired by all the wonders of nature around him. He was church warden at All Saints Church, Roydon and for many years David kindly

volunteered to do the commentary at our Stradsett Park Vintage Rally. The club also enjoyed his talks at our club meetings where he could keep us all entertained until late in the evening.

After the closure of Clarke Bros garage, David went on to work for himself as a freelance engineer in all things mechanical. He became a fanatic with stationary engines; collecting, repairing and showing. It was while meeting many like minded people that when the church needed some serious repairs, David would organise miniature steam, models and stationary engine weekends in and around the church to help raise the required funds. During his later years before retiring, David has collected many picture cards and taken many photographs which were turned into slides to produce many programmes revolving around Sandringham and its history as well as the historical developments of agricultural machinery and the redevelopment of King's Lynn. This was to become almost a full-time job in his retirement, he visited W.I's and various clubs showing his programme of slides with a very personal memory and unique delivery entertaining audiences all over East Anglia.

R.I.P David.

Peter Thorpe with the kind help from Basel Whiting and Malcolm Bush - NVTEC-EA



Hello All,

Another successful Working Weekend that David Mycock and helpers organised, well done to them all. We managed to attend the Newark Show last Sunday and apart from the obvious display of some splendid machinery was pleased to see how well the annual Remembrance Service was attended, the number of people attending has swelled over the years.

The dark nights are here and plenty of land work left to do courtesy of the never ending rain but we just have to accept what comes however frustrating it is. It was a shame because of this weather that the Ely harvest celebration had to be cancelled. Jean and I attended the Stradsett Harvest Festival service on behalf of the Club, it was not very good weather wise but a large number of local residents turned out and the service was enjoyed by all.

I send you all very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year

Henry Howlett

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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](mailto:truereflections77@yahoo.co.uk)

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

## Diary Dates

Spring coach trip the, The Black County Museum on Wednesday 15th April 2020 leaving Bexwell at 700am sharp contact Gordon Carson on 07860 658767 for more information and to book your seats.

Thursford Gala day Sunday 5th April for an entry forms and more information Please contact Wayne Mitchell on 07825501296 or Danny Burlington on 07951466315.

Road Run Sunday 5th April 2020 starting from Walpole highway at 1030am prompt se web site for more details and an entry form or contact David Askew on 01945 430481.

The Stradsett Park Vintage Rally Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd May 2020 see web site for more details or to download an entry form.

Hockwold Country Show is on 31st May 2020, entry forms etc from Judy Webb 01366 728776, 07895 787076 [judith\\_webb@btinternet.com](mailto:judith_webb@btinternet.com)

Working weekend Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th September 2020 see web site for more details or to download an entry form or contact David Mycock on 07977 337095.

## Secret Santa

We are holding a secret Santa raffle at our December evening talk. Please take part by bringing a gift wrapped in Christmas paper.

All proceeds received will be donated to the children's ward at The Queen Elizabeth Hospital Kings Lynn.

## Winter Meetings

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

January 16th, Ian Robertson , Elvendon Estates

February 20th, Jonathan James, Mud to Millions.

March 19th, Martin Dickinson , Farming in China



## Tracks Charity Ploughing 13th Oct 2019

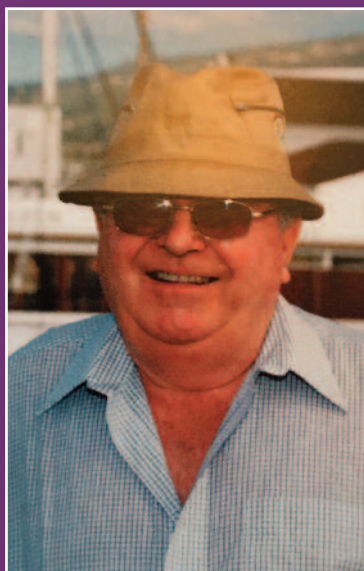
Our annual event had a change of venue due to unavailable land at North Elmham so was held at Horningtoft. Well what can we say except Wet Wet Wet, but not to be put off as this was our second consecutive Wet year, as always the vehicles began to arrive all had to be



unloaded on on the farm roadway as nothing could get into the field, a bridge was built over a ditch and an opening through the hedge to enable the public access who were not put off by the conditions. Thanks go to our team of helpers and supporters we raised £2306,99 pounds. We must thank Andrew Hill and Family for the land and Phyllis Tait for the paddock and farmyard our gratitude to all the owners of the vehicles and I'm sure, they're still cleaning off mud. Next years date is OCT 11th at Horningtoft

Sally and Neville Websdale

## OBITUARY: JOHN RUSSELL HARRISON 1933-2019



Peacefully on 8th October in the West Suffolk Hospital, aged 86 years. Much loved husband of Hazel, loving father of Mark, Granger, Brigitte, Sally and Rebecca, dear father-in-law of Hermione, Julie, David, Andrew and Jason, devoted grandad of Hannah, Matthew, Lucy, Michael, Ellen, Harriet, Johnny, Esme, Tommy and Abbie and treasured great-grandad of Callum, Johannes and Eleanor.

## Open Garden Sunday 2019



Each year Wisbech St Mary have an Open Garden Sunday and this year it was held on Sunday 23rd June. Jim and Mel Wakefield take this very seriously and put on a fantastic display each year. We went down to have a look around and it was very impressive and goes to show a lot of hard work and dedication goes into keeping the gardens maintained and looking so good. I am a bit of a 50" ride on lawn mower man myself but still lovely to see. Jim and Mel had got some of their old lawn mowers and horticulture tractors out along with a good display of old hand tools. Dave Buttriss brought along a couple of his Ransomes Crawlers, one being his latest addition of an MG 40 in original condition. This is a straight petrol and having only done 600 hours work is in very good condition. Dave tells me he is going to restore it to its former glory. Walking round the garden there was a couple of nice wheel horse lawn and garden tractors advertising the theme for Newark this year (1919). Outside the back door were many stunning hanging baskets and pots that Jim says only takes about 30 minutes to water. To look around the 13 gardens open to the public was £5 per adult with children under 16 being free, once you paid at one garden, you got a ticket allowing you access to walk around the rest. Jim

and Mel had just under 300 people attend their garden which is their biggest turn out ever and all money raised has gone to the Alzheimer's Society. A very enjoyable day raising money for a great cause, well done to all involved.

Gordon Carson  
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