



SEPTEMBER 2021

VINTAGE TORQUE

PRESERVING THE PAST FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

**WORKING WEEKEND
& PLOUGHING MATCH**
Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th
September 2021
Holl Farm, Fincham, PE33 8DQ
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All proceeds raised to go to **Moth in a China Shop**
(Reg Charity No: 1164937)



For entry forms and further information
contact the organiser:
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Refreshments available all weekend

MOTH IN A CHINA SHOP

Sun 1st & Mon 2nd May 2022
44th Stradsett Park
Vintage Rally
Steam Engines - Mini Tractor Pulling - Dogs Welcome



A Great Day Out Supporting Local Charities
Adults £10.00 Under 16s Free 10am - 5pm Daily
2022 Theme: 100 Year Old Tractors,
Minneapolis Moline, Eastern European Tractors



Catering - Fairground - Ring Displays - Trade Stands
www.nvtec-ea.org.uk
Pre-Booked Exhibits Only
Where The A134 Crosses The A1122
East Of Downham Market, PE33 9HA

**Vintage Tractor
Charity Road Run**
Sunday 3rd April 2022



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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Sponsorship
Forms Contact
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Or Download Them From
www.nvtec-ea.org.uk

All tractors must
be sponsored to a
minimum level of £10.00.
Supreme Windows Ltd
is donating a trophy that will
be awarded to the driver of
the tractor gaining the most
sponsorship.



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NVTEC-EA Working Weekend



Our last working weekend was in September 2019, virtually 2 years ago, where has the time gone? Our 2021 working weekend will be held on Saturday 4th and 5th September 2021. David Mycock is again in charge of the organisation and things

are going well with some good entry's coming in. All money raised goes to the Moth in a China Shop charity. There will also be a raffle with gifts donated and again all moneys going to the



Moth in a China Shop charity. This year, there will be some additional static displays so whether you intend to have a go or not, please come along and show your support. You can

download a form from the website nvtec-ea.org.uk or contact David on 01366 500879 or email us at david.clairer@hotmail.com

We look forward to seeing you there.

Gordon Carson
NVTEC-EA



Kings Lynn Kruisers – Vehicle Extravaganza



The King's Lynn Kruisers have been going over 45 years. They held their extravaganza over the weekend of 23rd, 24th and 25th July at Walpole St Andrew's playing field. The show has a wide variety of classic, custom, hot rods, bikes, military, commercial and more. We thought as it was so local and we haven't been out much lately, we should show our support, so we took along the Fordson 7V Lorry fitted with a V8 Ford Pilot engine built in 1949 at Dagenham. It spent its working life in Augh fatten Island.

My son Andrew has recently joined the vintage world with a 1960 Pontiac Catalina American car which also has a V8 6.4 litre engine. It needs a bit of work, but he is young, and I am pleased he is showing an interest in old things even if it isn't a tractor.



Mr Howlett from Watlington was there with his lovely little 1966 Morris MKI Mini Cooper with a tartan red and black roof. Mr Howlett has owned the car since it was 4 years old, the bodyshell was rebuilt around the 1980's and then stored

in his garage for 22 years. He then started work on it again in 2006 and gave it a total refurbishment. He completed the restoration in 2008.

Jody, one of my new window fitters took along his Dodge C-3-C6 USPS van, which was originally a stand-up and drive, it was designed by Fageol Brothered and produced between 1955 to 1957. The plan was to build 3,000 however only 350



were produced and they were very quickly replaced by the Jeep DJ 3A Dispatcher. This van has a 350 Chevrolet small block, Chevrolet S10 axle and front subframe on a customer chassis, custom interior and original bodywork. This was imported from Jackson, Mississippi and last registered in 1976.

There were many lovely old things there - it really makes you wonder where they all come from. Well done to the organisers for braving the present times.

Gordon Carson - NVTEC-EA



Isle of Wight Steam Railway



Ever since I was a young boy, I have had an interest in trains as I grew up in T u r v e s , Cambridgeshire right near a railway line. I have quite a decent collection of model trains and carriages etc so whilst having a short break in the Isle of Wight, the opportunity came up to visit the steam railway, I had to go.

On Saturday 26th June it was a lovely sunny morning and there just so happened to be a Beer & Ale festival on at the Isle of Wight steam railway, so it was exceptionally busy. The Isle of Wight steam railway began back in 1971 with half a dozen carriages, The Locomotive Calbourne and a small selection of old wagons. They promote that they are for a family and casual visitor and offer a unique and engaging experience as you step back into the Bygone Era when steam power was the order of the day. This offers the enthusiast access to one of the most complete collection of railway history in Britain. You can take a ride around one of their majestic steam trains and you travel through some of the island's unspoilt countryside. You can hop off at the Havenstreet station to see restoration in action in their carriage and wagon workshop before taking a stroll around the Train Story Discovery Centre.

There was also a Wallis & Stevens Ltd steam roller sitting behind the station which is part of the Isle of Wight traction engine club registration no OT 5327 - it was from the Shanklin Urban District Council and built in 1927.

We had a ride in a S.R 6349 carriage which was used on the London to Brighton line and south coast railway, this was built in 1924. There was lots to see and I was in my element, I even added one of the L4's to my model railway collection with the purchase of the Hornby 00 Mallard.

It was great to see all these old things being looked after and used, credit to all volunteers who look after them.

Gordon Carson - NVTEC-EA



THE PINK LADIES TRACTOR ROAD RUN



The Pink Ladies' Tractor Road Run returned in style this weekend as a convoy of 110 decorated tractors made their way through Norfolk and Suffolk.

The annual run took place on Sunday 4th July and since it began has raised more than £750,000 in aid of Cancer Research UK's breast cancer appeal.

The run starts at Thorpe Abbots airfield and then passed through Brockdish, Upper Weybread, Harleston, Pulham St Mary, Rushall and Langmere Green.

This year more than 30 ladies new to the run took part including the beat manager for South Norfolk rural crime, PC Sue Matthews, who was on a police tractor.



Isle of Wight Bus & Coach Museum

On Sunday 27th June whilst we were visiting the Isle of Wight, we took a ride out to the Bus and Coach Museum which has been open since 1997. The museum is staffed by volunteers who share a passion for vintage transport. The museum is just minutes from the centre of Ryde and offers plenty of free outdoor parking. They have taken the time and effort to make the museum look like a former bus depot.

As you walk in, you get a very personal welcome and there is a beautiful old Cheverton Stagecoach. Richard Bird Cheverton, was an established island coachbuilder during the latter part of the nineteenth century, located in Lugely Street, Newport. Their customers included Queen Victoria and members of her immediate family, primarily for use on the Osborne estate. This Stagecoach was made to the requirement of Albert Vanner and Son of Ryde in 1880 and was used amongst other duties as a daily service between



Ryde and Newport. Up to four horses were required to pull a fully laden coach with a change of horses being made midway. Following the death of Albert Vanner's great niece in 2014, the coach was generously presented to the museum for conservation.

I love the old-style buses just like the Bedford OB



registration number FDL 676, it was in 1925 that the General Motors Organisation of America purchased Vauxhall Motors and early Bedford trucks were badged as Chevrolet Bedford. Primarily producing truck chassis at Luton during the 1930's, passenger chassis were added to their product range and the OB was introduced in 1938. Although a few were built prior to the war, in the immediate post war years the

model achieved notoriety as the small bus that appeared throughout the country on small rural routes. We had a good two hours looking around and it was well worth going.

Gordon
Carson
NVTEC-EA

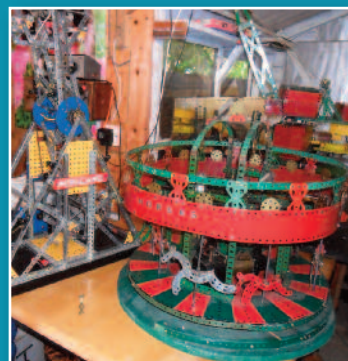


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With the farming year coming to an end, Michaelmas 29th September. A time that farms are bought and sold new tenancies taken on and time for some old ones to be given up. Time for the summer workers to move on. If leaving or selling the farm implements and equipment to get out and on to field for the auction. The root crops planted in spring still in the ground for a start to the next farmer. Another thing that happens this time of year for me in Dereham it was first two weeks of September the harvest fair came to town.

Yes I am going to bring the Meccano out again yes I have fair ground models as well as working tractors and the like. The photos were taken at the Stradsett rally a few years ago when I was lucky to win best bygone display thanks for that. Next year all going well I have been offered a large

stand by Sid Banham at the Swanton Morley vintage rally so hopefully will be able to display and run all of my collection in one place. Hoping we are now turning the corner for a good 2022 Mick Baker



My Stradsett Rally Assistant gets married



On Saturday 5th July this year, my Godson and assistant rally organiser for the Stradsett Vintage Tractor Rally, Jake Negus got married to the love of his life Sophie Bailey who is also a keen helper and volunteer at the Stradsett rally every year. The wedding, although still with some restrictions in place due to Covid was allowed to go ahead at Godwick Hall and was a wonderful day for all. All the groomsman and bridal party were chauffeured to the venue on the back of a

Massey Ferguson 35X and Jake and Sophie were also taken for a ride to the ruins at Godwick All Saints from the late medieval times. Mick, who was the driver, told me they bought the tractor some 40 years ago. It was so nice to see another old tractor being used regularly as part of a couple's wedding days at such a fine establishment.

Congratulations to the newlyweds.

Gordon Carson - NVTEC-EA



A STORY ABOUT COLIN RUSSELL

Many years ago Colin & I was working in the yard at the back of our parents bungalow repairing our beet drills, when suddenly Colin said "here comes Jack" (as Colin always referred to our father as that).

Father had always been an Austin car enthusiast all his life and had just purchased an Austin A60 car, his new pride & joy and always made sure it was kept in the garage, a galvanised tin shed, known as his garage, which was directly in line with his driveway 5 metres past the bungalow.

Colin said "Jacks going too fast to stop inside the shed"

Father drove the car inside his garage & then we heard a horrendous crash as he hit the back of his garage.

Inside this garage father had kept nearly everything from previous years, items were stacked on shelves, inside cabinets or hung on nails on wooden frames, things had come crashing down which the noise seem to last for some time, all went quiet then an old Austin A10 hub cap came rolling out of the garage door onto the concrete and did an increase of flopping until it finally came to rest on the ground.

At this point Colin & I were both on our knees laughing, but as father emerged from inside his garage, he was not

best pleased and Colin was the first person father saw and Colin got the full blame for his misjudgement of the event that just happened.

Father's excuse was that he was used to driving a steering column gear change and the new car was floor mounted. The next day the car had to be taken to Fisher Walkers garage for repairs.

Colin said "I will have to think of something to stop Jack hitting the back of his garage".

Later in the day Colin came back with a wooden railway sleeper and put it in position on the floor at the back of the garage so fathers car wheels would run up against it and above the sleeper on the tin wall Colin wrote in red paint and very large letters...

WHOOOOOOO JACK

and a large arrow pointing to the sleeper.

Colin then remarked, if the sign doesn't stop him, the sleeper will!!

Derek Russell

Roger Coe's Vintage Tractor Road Run

For the last 8-10 years, Roger Coe has run a vintage tractor road run starting at Manor Farm in Grimston, Norfolk. This year it was held on Sunday 4th July 2021. Roger always leads them off about 10.30 am for the 22-mile route via Massingham and Sandringham etc. They hoped to arrive back mid-afternoon, Roger looked as happy as Larry on his 1950's Case 500 diesel, 6 cylinder. All the proceeds of this year's road run went to the friends of St Botolph's Church.

Neil Ayres on his Allis Chalmers Model U and Barry Ayres on his Farmall M.



The event had to be scaled down due to Covid, so where there would normally be several stalls to get food and drink, etc. from, this year they could only get a bacon roll and cup of tea, but let's face it that's the most important one!

They had a very good turn out with over 40 tractors, and it was good to see some old petrol/paraffin tractors on the run such as

Let's hope 2022 gets back to a bit more normality.

Gordon Carson
NVTEC-EA

JIM AND MEL WAKEFIELD OPEN GARDENS



Jim has recently purchased a nice little tractor, one I have never seen or heard of. It is a French built energetic tractor 511 MKII with a single cylinder petrol engine built in 1954, fitted with a finger bar mower and was purchased in 2020 from Wales.

Very well done to all involved for raising money when things are still so uncertain.

Gordon Carson
NVTEC-EA

On Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th July, Jim and Mel held their open garden weekend for the National Open Garden Scheme, Cambridgeshire. This is all to raise money for very worthy charities and proudly they raised £405.00 for the National Garden Scheme and £315.00 for the East Anglia Air Ambulance.

Jim and Mel always put a lot of work into keeping their garden looking very presentable. They are big supporters of our club and put on some fantastic displays for us at both Stradsett Rally and Malvern Tractor World Show.



Hello Everyone

What a pleasure it was to be able to meet up again for our first Committee meeting in months and to catch up with all members that we had not been able to see during the pandemic.

It was also a delight to finally get to the Black Country Museum courtesy of Gordon's perseverance. I am sure that I speak for everyone who went on the trip that it was a very interesting and informative day

The Working Weekend will go ahead very shortly on the same site as before, entries please to David Mycock, helpers prior to this event would be greatly appreciated.

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

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

Fred Harrinton

Sorry to hear the passing of Fred from Brandon. A life long member and well known ploughman at Fincham in the 1970's and 1980's, with his E27N Fordson crawler and plough. Winning a few prizes.

Fred was seen alot with his lovely dog Blue.

Malcolm Bush

Newman and Joan Smith

Happy Birthday to Newman and Joan for the 28th and 29th August when they will both be 90. Newman is a life long member. This picture is at one of our Christmas dance's that Malcolm and Joan Bush organised in the 1970's and 1980's with the band 2+4 at Gaywood.



September: Erin & Jacob

November: Alfie, Austin & Chole

December: Alexander, Holly & Oliver

WINTER MEETINGS

Thu 21st Oct 2021 • Thu 18th Nov 2021
 Thu 16th Dec 2021 • Thu 20 Jan 2022
 Thu 17th Feb 2022 • Thu 17th March 2022
 held at the Ryston park golf club

The Sandringham Cup



The Sandringham Cup held as part of the Food, Craft and Wood Fair from the 6th to the 8th of August, brought together chainsaw carvers from all across the UK, with some of the countries top chainsaw carvers taking part. The carvings were then put to auction at the end of the day, it really is incredible the skill they have with a chainsaw to create these fantastic results, these wooden masterpieces would make amazing garden features.



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Hi All, Hope you are all enjoying your self's either going to Rally's, on Road runs and Working days etc.

Hope to see a lot of you at our Working Weekend.

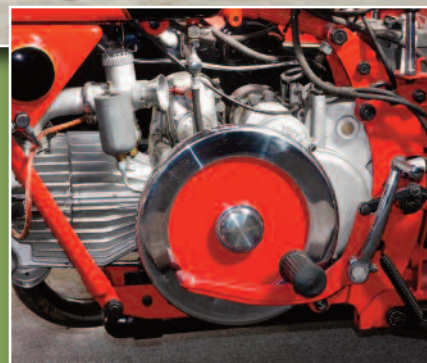
Tell your friends about the NVTEC and get them to join, it's really a good hobby to have and is very friendly, with lots going on.

Please let me know if you have any change of address, phone numbers, email address etc by email or phone.

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

Wayne Mitchell Membership Secretary

Moto Guzzi Falcone



The Moto Guzzi Falcone was built between 1950 and 1967 and was the last Guzzi with the horizontal single cylinder 500cc, 4 stroke engine. The engine was developed from the 1921 "Normale" with the classic bore and stroke measurements of 88x82mm.

The chassis was a double cradle with telescopic front forks and a swing arm that was sprung under the engine, assisted by 2 compass shock absorbers. The gear box was a conventional 4 speed unit.

In 1953 the Falcone was given the name "Sport" and a new model called the "Turismo" was introduced, there were styling differences (leg pads on the Turismo and chrome tank on the Sport and various mechanical differences, such as a rework cylinder head, bigger exhaust valves and new connecting rod on the sport, there were also small differences in the camshaft and carburettor.

The Falcone was a much loved motorcycle of the Italian traffic police and remain their official bike up until the late 1970s.

Production was ended in 1967 with the introduction of the V7. The name was kept alive two years later with the introduction of the Nuovo Falcone but with many differences to its earlier model, many people saw it as a continuation of the Moto Guzzi Superplate rather than the original Falcone with which it shared a name.

Shaun Loveday - Paradise Garage Motorcycles

