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PRESS RELEASE

Full steam ahead for the 2022 Stradsett Park Vintage Rally

Preparations are all underway for the 2022 Stradsett Park Vintage Rally to be held at Stradsett Park over the May Bank Holiday Weekend. The show, like many others had to be cancelled in 2020 and 2021, meaning local charities missing out on vital donations. The show is organised by the National Vintage Tractor and Engine Club East Anglia group and the show has been running for over 40 years.

The Rally takes you back in time to when you could work on your own car or tractor before microchips and pcr boards. You will get to see a vast range of veteran, vintage and classic tractors, cars, commercials, motorcycles, stationary engines, steam engines, horticulture, bygones, ex-military to name a few. As well as a large variety of club stands, trade stands, catering outlets, live entertainment, fairground, heavy horses, and ring displays.

Don't miss it on Sunday 1st and Monday 2nd May 2022, book online by visiting our website www.nvtec-ea.org.uk or pay cash on the gate. All entry proceeds will be split and donated to East Anglia Air Ambulance and five other local charities voted by our NVTEC-EA members.

RHS The Chelsea Flower Show – Much more than just flowers



Two of our very good friends Carrie and Shaun from Carrie Anne Funnell Glass Ltd have been exhibiting at The Chelsea Flower Show for 7 years. They have asked us a few times if we would like to go but we never had until this year (2021). On Wednesday 22nd September, we travelled down to London and Shaun met us at the hospital gate with our passes. I have never been keen on attending as all you ever see on the BBC is gardens, but that's not all the show is about. Due to advertising the BBC cannot show other things such as Carrie Anne's amazing artwork. We have fitted doors and windows with Carrie Anne's work in and they really are amazing.

Even the ice cream vans were a bit posh with an old Phantom II Rolls Royce

ice cream van, the original chassis was produced in 1932 and supplied to Hooper and Co. of King Road, Chelsea. Then some 30 years ago, the previous owner chose to scrap the Hooper body. Some years later, Stuart Whitby who had previously trained with Rolls Royce Motor Cars but now of Whitby Morrison Ice Cream Vans fulfilled a life-long dream to own a pre-war Rolls Royce and create the ultimate ice cream van.

If you have never been, it's a great day out.

Gordon Carson
NVTEC-EA



Casterton Vintage Working Weekend



tractor/Crawler that stood out in the crowd was at first looking like an Allis-Chalmers Model M, however this particular tractor is actually a Swedish built Allis-Chalmers Model M built under license with the wording on the radiator Allis Chalmers Svensk Tillverkning, this was fitted with a dozen blade and parked next to a genuine Allis model M built in 1942 owned by R Chatterton. Sadly the man from Crowland Cranes driving the old Ruston

Casterton Working Weekend is one of the most well known and respected working events in the country. This event has been running for over 30 years it used to be called Little Casterton on T A Hinch's Farm but 5 years ago they moved to Great Casterton on Brian Knight's Farm. Brian Knight is the chairman of there small but devoted committee and thanks should go to him for the use of his land. Willie Chatterton is the man who invited the exhibitors and has been involved in this event from day one, so over 30 years that is serious dedication.

This year, we were invited to take along our Farmall F12, this petrol/paraffin 4-cylinder row crop tractor built in 1933 with registration number JE 1737. It is fitted with a mounted drag made by Peter Small of Forfar in Scotland. This tractor was purchased from the sons of the late Roy Pratt but on the logbook it was shown as being registered to Beba & Sons, Pear Tree Farm, Walpole Highway, this of course was Bryans fathers so the tractor is now back home on the land it worked on back in 1959/1960.

As always, the Casterton working event which was held on the weekend of 18th and 19th September 2021 brought out some rare old machines like William Engelman's 1921 Renault H.O with a Howard trailed drag. Our good friend Gerald Gregory took his 1925 Vickers Aussie, this particular tractor was discovered on a farm in Victoria, Australia where since 1960 it was used for belt work and stump clearance. In 1979 this tractor and one other was imported back to the UK to be restored at the Vickers workshop; it was then acquired by John Moffit for the Hunday National Tractor Museum, when the museum closed, it went back to the Stapehill Abbey Country Museum. Gerald then purchased this tractor in October 2006 at the Stapehill sale and I remember him buying it like yesterday. One



10-RB Drag Line built in 1945 passed away just a few days after the event so our thoughts go out to his family and friends.

Another nice little tractor that caught my eye was Kevin Watsons 1916 Avery 5-10 what a little beauty with its 4-cylinder straight petrol engine on steel wheels and a wooden seat, not that the seat looked very comfortable, but I suppose in 1916 it was a treat to be able to sit down and work rather than walking behind horses. It was good to see Richard Sturdy out with a tractor again rather than a car but was certainly enjoying in 1931 Rumley 6. Corine Harris



was going well on his 1935 International Harvester F30 and 2 furrow plough. Whilst John Crowden was sitting happily on his trailed plough being pulled by his John Deere AR. John Sheppard looked like a gentleman farmer on his good looking International 1927 10-20 on steel wheels. Martin Dawes was Disc

Harrowing with a large Case 22-40 built in 1919 but looking and sounding great. Sadly, on the Sunday it was too wet for any of the great old harvesting equipment to be able to work but they went well on the Saturday I hear.

The rain dampened the spirit but didn't stop us from putting on a good display for the public and each other of course. Any money raised were to be split between the following charities: Air Ambulance, British Heart Foundation, Cancer Research, Motor Neurone Disease and Farm Community Network, all very worthy charities.

We will hope to be able to do it again next year, so fingers crossed for us all.

Gordon Carson - NVTEC-EA

The Old Timer Tractor Rally

On Friday 30th July 2021. We made a very wet and long ride from Norfolk to Woofenton, Ludlow for the second annual gathering at 'The Old Timer Tractor Rally' (I am not sure if they are talking about the exhibits or the exhibitors). On arrival, we were met by a very friendly man on the gate who was very helpful and as you all know when you have just travelled 160 miles in the rain for 4 and a half hours, this is important when arriving at a new event. I must just add that everybody was very nice, helpful and accommodating all weekend. This was to be my grandson Ezra's first ride in a lorry, I fitted some Isofix brackets to the cab on the sleeper bunk for his safety seat. He sat happily for 4 and a half hours continuous but for a 3-year-old, it must have been a wonderful view of the world.

For many of us, this was to be the first get together since the beginning of the pandemic so it made the weekend more special, and it was great to see lots of familiar faces and to pay tribute to the ones who could no longer be with us. The show is mainly pre-1950 tractors, stationary engines, commercials, cars and motorcycles. I took along the 1937 Case RC Row Crop, this tractor was purchased from Cheffins back in 2006 and had to have a complete restoration including the engine and magneto. It is painted in light grey with red steel wheels, they only produced them in this colour for a short time. I haven't taken this out very often so I never really mastered starting it but once it starts it runs and drives very nicely so I must work on that.

There were some lovely old tractors there for people to look at, this was the first outing for the West's Case 12-25, this tractor was built in 1915, 106 years ago. They purchased it in 2020 from the David Symington Dispersal sale and what a good-looking tractor it is. The Wests also took along their 1919 Hart-Parr 30 restored in the USA and imported to the UK in 2010. Malcolm Robinson was also there next to John Farnworth and Edwin Hughes who purchased Bob Parkes Tractors in 2019, making three Massey Harris General Purpose Four Wheels Drive Tractors in a row which you don't often see.

I was parked next to a John Deere BN General Purpose with series number B212626. This tractor was from the first batch of John Deere tractors to come to England. All these tractors went to F.A. Standens main depot at St Ives in Cambridgeshire. This particular tractor was built on 14th May 1936 and was shipped on the 20th May 1936. The reason I took more of an interest in this tractor is that it ended its working life in Barroway Drove, West Norfolk with a Mr Towson and it spent some of its life at Toddington



Manor Tractor Museum. There were 7 BN's in the first shipment but apparently only 3 survived. This was a very nice tractor and is now owned by Bill Cowley from Worcestershire.



There was a very nice line up of stationary engines but again it was a John Deere that caught my eye, well technically a Waterloo Boy. This engine was built by the Waterloo Gas Engine Company in Waterloo, Iowa, USA. But in 1918, the Waterloo Gas Engine company was taken over by the expanding John Deere Tractor company.

The show wasn't huge, and it was a long way to go but it was a really friendly show. Sadly, my wife's mother passed away suddenly on the Sunday afternoon so we had to come away quickly about 3pm so I must say thank you to them for being so understanding and letting us get the tractor out of the show in order to get away, it was appreciated.

Gordon Carson
NVTEC-EA



Marsham Show Brings Out Crowds



Over the weekend of the 14th and 15th August, Marsham was to be the first real vintage show in Norfolk since the lockdown. We weren't sure what to expect, but just hoped for a good weekend, well what a credit to everyone involved, what a show! We needed the show to be able to go ahead, they needed the exhibitors to support the show, they needed good weather and they needed the public's support, well they got it all and a bit more.

Our club was there to support them with one of many club stands which is still a growing section. Firstly, on the stand was one of our longest club members Malcolm and Joan Bush with their display of John Deere model tractors and implements. Malcolm and Joan have been collecting for many years and have a very large and superb collection.

In honour of this being Bob Parkes possible last show, I took along our Massey Harris 33, straight petrol, 4-cylinder engine with 5 forward and reverse gears this tractor runs and drives well. I also took along our John Deere B, built in 1941 and came over to Levertson's of Spalding on the lease lend scheme. This was fully registered in 2001 so now some 20 years ago, this tractor has been on the same farm from new at Walpole Highway. Terry Myhill brought along his Massey Ferguson TE20 built in 1949 and Terry is only the second owner. Then we had two Allis Chalmers both owned by David Mycock who runs our

clubs working weekend and is our engine steward for the Stradsett Park Vintage Rally. The first was his Allis Chalmers Model B built in 1941 running well on petrol/TVO. Then there was something a bit different, his Allis Chalmers model GVR built under licence in France would have been built in the 50's. This was fitted with an underslung plough.

Matthew Hoys 1940's Wheel horse was looking good and was the first of our club stand winners, thanks to Matthew for letting my grandson Ezra have a sit on it. Displayed behind was Ted Greys superb petrol can collection, this was a selection of 120 cans all looking good and we had a lot of interest. Next to Teds can display was the Wests family model 10-20 Titan, I have seen this before, but it still looks great. The Wests also brought along there 1919 15-30 type A Hart Parr with its 6 1/2 Bore and 7" stroke 2 cylinder petrol/TVO engine. The Hart Parr 15-30 has 15 horsepower at the drawer bar and 30 horsepower at the belt pully, this was built at the Charles City Works of Hart Parr Co.

Lastly on the club stand was basically the star of the show, again belonging to the Wests family was their 1915 Case 12-25, again with 12 horsepower at the drawer and 25



horsepower at the belt pully. This tractor has a 2-cylinder horizontal opposed petrol/TVO engine, made in Racine, Wisconsin, USA by the J.I Case Machinery Co. This tractor has been imported into the UK twice by different owners, this superb machine was restored by Mr & Mrs Symington in 2000 but looks amazing. Surprisingly this tractor only weighs about 4 tonnes. They

went on to win 'best pre-1930 veteran' and very deservedly 'best in show', now not that I am envious but the only thing wrong with this lovely looking machine is it is in the wrong shed Ha ha. We had a really good weekend on the club stand with a great plot and lots of foot fall.

Two years ago, I missed out on seeing Dan and Tim Edwards Two Rock Island Plow Co engines. First was there 1 1/2 horsepower hit and miss stationary engine built in 1924. Second was number 95688, 1 1/2 horsepower engine with 600 RPM, this engine was driving an enterprise bone, shell



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and corn mill. Both being built by the Rock Island Plow Co. USA. I must just mention Larry Parkers John Deere model 40's straight petrol, made in Dubuque, Iowa, USA. As a replacement for the model M, this 1953, 24 horsepower tractor was fitted with an electric straight and registration number 530 XVN, Larry has restored this over the past couple of years and by winning 'best John Deere in show' tells you he done a great job.

Despite me being a very keen tractor man, both my sons seem to be into American Cars. Jason has had his 1954 Chevy 3100 truck for a few years but Andrew has recently purchased a 1960 Pontiac Catalina, and this was his first big outing with it, this car was imported to the UK in

November 2020 and Andrew purchased it in June 2021 from Leicester. It's in mostly original condition including the paintwork and its V8 6.4 litre petrol engine which sounds great whilst giving a respectable 15 mpg. At just short of 18' long and 6'2 wide, there is plenty of room for the large bench seats front and rear and its very comfortable.

Thanks to all involved in putting on the show and to all our club members for the help and great support over the weekend. Hope to see you all at Stradsett on the next May Bank Holiday, Sunday 1st and Monday 2nd May 2022.

Gordon Carson
NVTEC-EA

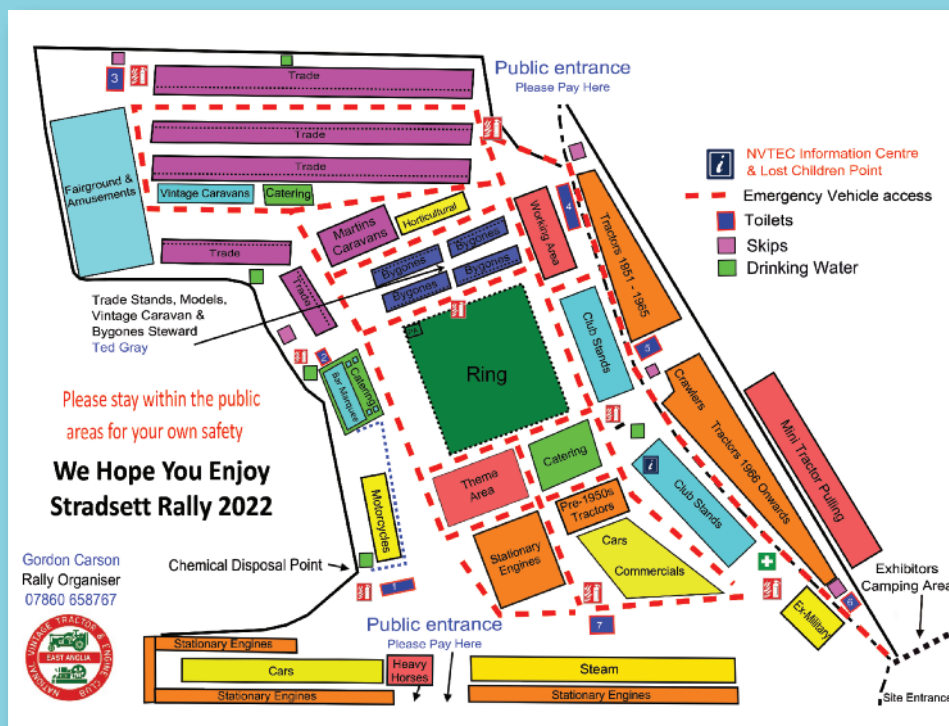


DEAR FELLOW MEMBER, EXHIBITOR

As you will be aware the committee have decided to put the stationary engines in pens for our 2022 Stradsett Park Vintage Rally. It has been brought to my attention that this is a very unpopular move and I want you all to know that we do listen and care about our fellow members. The decision to put the engines in pens was for more than one reason, one being the per amount of space an engine requires with a caravan and supporting vehicle. Two, being the cost of hiring so much fencing to fence the engines and three, the lack of sufficient help in setting up and clearing up. With all this said, I would like to reassure you all that all paid up NVTEC-EA club members will be provided with a caravan space if required and one disabled and one standard port-a-loo will be provided in the pen for all those who choose that option and of course the day engines.

Please see attached layout but of course this could change depending on how many engines we have booked in. We would also like to ask you to run your engines approximately 5 hours per day.

Gordon Carson - NVTEC-EA



The Final Farewell to David Bretten

to David Bretten was a memorable occasion that truly reflected upon his passions in life.



The wicker coffin was placed on a trailer towed by Terry with his 1959 Fordson Dexter whilst Malcom drove a 1950 Nuffield and Gordon drove his 1954 Massey Harris. As the funeral procession passed along the road, a dog walker stopped to pay his respects whilst his dog bowed, a touching incident. From a point at the Ostrich public house, a piper, David Harper headed the procession, playing the requested tune, Mull of Kintyre.

David's three daughters, Sally, Rachel and Claire were keen to involve the 'tractor boys' who were a significant part of David's life. Together with long-time associate, Malcolm Bush, a plan was hatched. Terry Myhill and Gordon Carson were both asked to help, a task for which they said they were honoured to participate in.



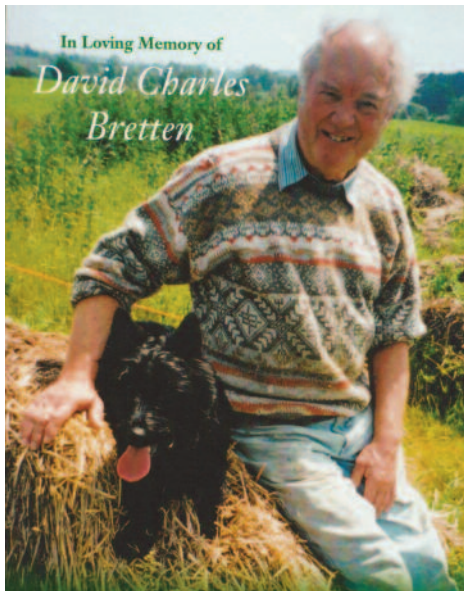
The church was full with people from all walks of David's life and an extensive eulogy by David's friend Ed Easter together with a comprehensive history of David's life and achievements gave an insight into a man that many people would say, 'I wish I'd known him better.' A truly talented man who was always willing to help anyone whether he knew them or not.

Have 'One for the road' with David



This article is compiled, with many thanks, from the write up by David's three daughters. Viv Gray



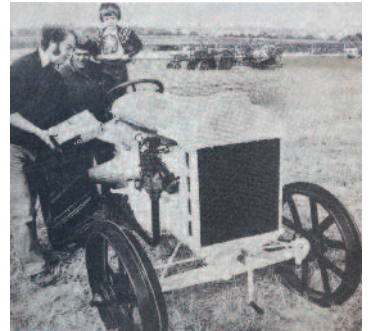


On the afternoon of February 8th, about 200 friends and family of David Bretten gathered at St James the Great Church in Castle Acre to pay their last respects to this extraordinarily talented and gregarious man. He lived a life full of entrepreneurial spirit in the world of cars, tractors and engineering developed from an early fascination with Meccano. As a child he won the Meccano Magazine prize along with his cousin Babs, with a working model of a combine harvester.

At 16 years of age his interest turned from Meccano to motor cars and his love of the internal combustion engine began. At 17 years he redesigned and built a 1930's Morris 8. An engineering course at Kings Lynn Tech was followed by a course at the University in London and a BSc honours in Mechanical Engineering.

He was talent spotted by Rustons Engineering where his career began. His achievements were many, notably his sugar beet washer, a carrot topper and tailer, a seed coater and a lavender harvester and Evergreen Tractors John Deere franchise. David became known as 'the man to go to for problems requiring an engineering solution.'

In 1973 the engineering firm, Savages of Kings Lynn, renowned for the manufacture of fairground and agricultural steam engines closed. David teamed up with Bill McAlpine and David Braithwaite to build a full size Savage engine from scratch, a huge undertaking. Eventually during the King's Lynn Festival of 1975 the 'Sally Rachel Claire' (named after David and his wife's 3 girls) left the works at St Germans. Attracting great crowds and interest, who could forget David's beaming face as he drove the culmination of 2 years work slowly towards Lynn. The icing on the cake for David however, was when the large metal wheels of the Sally Rachel Claire picked up and peeled off the King's Street's double yellow lines!



Heacham Ralley 1977



1977 saw David restore his first Model T Ford 1919. Other Ford projects include a rare 1912 Model T and a rare 1906 Model N and latterly his 1915 Model T Roadster. His attention to detail and perfectionism attracted much interest from fellow enthusiasts and won him many prizes. An International Junior was one of his rarer finds but he was happiest with his Fordsons, ploughing away at competitions with his good friend Malcolm and fellow tractor boys.

Sadly, in 2017, David lost the true love of his life, his wife Christine. They had been inseparable and the next years were a struggle for him with an undercurrent of sadness permeating everything.

Slowly however, the can-do Bretten grit resurfaced and somehow David pulled himself up. Christmas 2021 and New Year were happy occasions as his enthusiasm for life returned. An incomplete model waiting for parts to be returned and the search for a work bench are projects that sadly will not be completed by David. Taken on January 10th, a Plough Monday, the start of the agricultural year. How appropriate. **R.I.P. David Charles Bretten**



October 2012 David gave a talk at Ryston golf club. He had recently won the Gold Medal at the Model Engineering Exhibition in London with his model of Henry Ford's 1918 Fordson 'F' Tractor that he built. This win entitled him to enter the Duke of Edinburgh Challenge Trophy in 2013 which he won.

Working Weekend finally goes ahead to raise £2,640.00 for Charity



After many club events had to be cancelled due to Covid restrictions, over the weekend of the 4th and 5th September 2021, our first club event for 2 years was able to go ahead. Mr Mason has been a great host to the club, and we cannot thank him enough. The Vintage Tractor hobby really needs good people like Mr Mason and many others like him who without their generosity, it would not be possible to hold such events so a big thank you from the National Vintage Tractor and Engine club East Anglia Group.

Now what we also need is someone to organise such events and for the past few years David and Clare Mycock have taken on that roll. This year with the great help from David's team of volunteers, I have no doubt this was the best ever. I am not sure if all the club members quite realise the work and organisation that goes into putting on these events but believe me it's a lot. I took my little club stand trailer over on the Friday and put up a few flags but David, Clare and their team had it all in hand and things were going well. I then left early Saturday Morning with the lorry and Malcolm Thompsett gave me a hand and we soon got set up. As this was a working weekend, a shiny tractor didn't seem appropriate, so I took along the 1950 Nuffield M4 Universal petrol paraffin tractor. This is in pretty much original condition and all in good working order. Terry Myhill brought along his County 1004 in which at our last Stradsett Rally, the lift pump went on his hydraulics, so 18 months ago he has a new one fitted, and this was the first time out due to

Covid. Sadly, after just two rounds, the new pump failed so Terry had to get Gavin to load his plough and take it home. Terry being Terry took it all in his stride, I would not have been that calm about it.

Fred Rudd was enjoying working his 1978 Yanman 1601 whilst at the other end of the scale, Richard Chrisp was working his Steiger Panther 1975 Model 360 with a 10 Farrow reversible plough,

what a machine it is. Sadly, our good friend and long-standing club member Malcolm Bush could not attend, Malcolm was topping up his E27N ready to come ploughing, standing



on the footstep and stirring arm (what a silly thing to do, none of us would ever dream of doing that!) when he fell backwards onto the floor with the can landing next to him. He was very badly injured but luckily nothing was broken, and it will be weeks before he is chasing Joan round again.



Andrew Walling brought along his 1927 Lord of the Isles Showman's engine which we really appreciated and made something really good for the Saturday evening BBQ. Neil Ayres was on his International W9 registered in November 1945 to Sir A Sonturn in Oxfordshire. This is a 50 Horsepower petrol/paraffin tractor serial number W9-WCB-14570 making this tractor the 14,570 W9 built, this tractor was built in Chicago, USA and was working a nice old Howard trailed rotavator. The Kidd family were making the best of the sunshine working their 1947 petrol/paraffin E27N and 2 Furrow plough. Neville Websdale as you would expect was working a 1936 Allis Chalmers Model M fitted with a rare to see PTO and registration number JTW 295.

The list of winners from the weekend are as follows;
Trailed Class: 1st place Shawn Garrod, 2nd place Alan Newman, 3rd place Alan Foster.

Mounted Class: 1st place Simon Durrent, 2nd place John Cole, 3rd place Kevin Pearsall.

Fergie Class: 1st place David Allen, 2nd place Jim Mawer, 3rd place George Brett-Reynolds

Modified Mounted: 1st place Peter Carman, 2nd place Gavin Bradford, 3rd place Josh Chambers.

Horticulture Class: 1st place David Smith, 2nd place G Bateman, 3rd place Ian Thompson



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There were endless great old machines working and a credit to all who came and an even bigger thank you for the money raised for Moth in a China Shop so well done to all.

We have all had a rough couple of years, so the club needed a good weekend to give us a boost. Well David and Clare, along with the amazing weather gave us all we needed and more. What a superb weekend, everybody seemed happy and enjoying themselves. The turnout over the weekend was

the best our clubs ever seen so a big thank you to all who helped as this is always appreciated and all who attended, one is nothing without the other so thank you all.

All being well in the world, our next event will be our Road Run on Sunday 3rd April 2022, then I am really looking forward to our Stradsett Park Vintage Rally on Sunday 1st and Monday 2nd May 2022.

Gordon Carson - NVTEC-EA



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This will be our 12th year and is put together by the Norfolk Starting Handle Club. Each year we aim to make the event bigger and better; this year we have a new venue and layout for the large selection of working machinery from push hoes, rotavators to match ploughing with classes for small walk behind, large walk behind and ride-ons vintage and compact. The new venue looks like we will see the best ploughing conditions since we been running the event thanks to a new venue. We also have Working Stationary engines, working horse and static displays. We like to encourage the smaller tillage machines as well as the juniors by having a working play pen. as we are all aware horticultural ploughing is changing and we are seeing more compact tractors of all sizes, most of which are over 40 years old.

We welcome all ages old and new

but we do try and encourage the older vintage machines as that is why we started the event back in 2009.

This year we welcome back Wycomb Pastures Petting Farm which was a family favorite in 2020. New for 2022 a tombola along with the grand raffle and a small selection of stalls. This year we are proudly sponsored by FTC Plant and Tools Hire and Sales, a change to see the more modern horticultural equipment which they have to offer.



National Vintage Tractor & Engine Club support Thursford Gala Day

Back in 2019, our club was asked to support the Thursford Gala Day in April 2020, then like most events, Covid struck, and it was postponed twice and finally booked for Sunday 22nd August 2021. I left home arriving about 8am and my good friend Ted Gray just beat me in the gate, as always Ted and I soon got cracking and set up the two gazebos etc. Ted then got his shelves set up and stated putting his can's out whilst I got unloaded.



Other club members soon started to arrive, and we were soon busy. Ted has been collecting his superb petrol can display for many years and must be one of the best in the country. The section is just amazing and all in excellent condition. I took along the Hart Parr 1933 Row Crop 18-27. This is a lovely tractor with steel wheels, foot clutch, crank start and starts on petrol and runs on TVO registration no BF - 5324.

The weather started off a bit wet but dried up by late morning, but the club members never let me down and turned up allowing the club to put on a good display. David Bretton was kind enough to bring along his 1915 model T Ford with a roadster body and turtle deck back. This car is fitted with wooden 12 spoke demoldable wheel rims. It is fitted with a 4-cylinder petrol, electric start engine running from a trembler coil. There is no speedometer, but David says it runs comfortably at 35-40 mph but will do 45 mph. It has a registration number of BF 6470 and fitted with front and rear cross springs for suspension, no front brakes but has a transmission brake and hand brake to rear axle. David restored the car some 8-10 years ago with 30" x 3.5 tyres. The original rear lights are still paraffin but also has new



indicators fitted for safety. The front lights David has adapted to take a side light and indicators but could easily be converted back to paraffin.

Robin brought along his 1941 John Deere BR, 2-cylinder petrol, paraffin with a JE registration it came from P Farr near Sleaford, Lincolnshire. John Muttock brought along his Massey Harris Ferguson FE35 built in 1958 running on petrol/paraffin. David Buttriss attended with 2 MG crawlers, firstly his 1944 MG 5 with bulldozer blade fitted and his 1932 MG 2 (Motor Garden). This was one of the first ever built and fitted with a steamy archer engine but it took David over 10 years to buy this crawler and its serial number is MG151. Terry Myhill brought his 1959 Dexter Registration 752 UYU, the Dexter was and still is a popular tractor. Graham Bacon also displayed his collection of blacksmiths and wheelwright tools dating back to the 1900's. Malcolm Bush brought along his nice John Deere stationary engine along with his John Deere petrol 1980 rotavator.



This rotavator was purchased new by Ted Rose from Evergreen Tractors at Wiggenshall St Germans in 1982. Lastly, he showed off a John Deere petrol cutter. Brian Cottrell from Holt showed off his lovely little field Marshall, Series 11 Diesel Tractor this is a scale model built by Ross Warman in 2009.

There were of course many more fine exhibits supporting our club stand and many supporting Thursford including the Smith Family with their 1901 Avelling and Porter R8 Roller. Ivan and his family have been a big part of the NVTEC-EA club for many years, I went to school with Ivan and been friends ever since. My Wife Jayne, son Andrew and his son's Ezra and Ace all came over for the day. Ezra and Ace enjoyed playing on the play area, but Ezra also took a liking to the old buses and was able to sit inside one so thanks to the owner for that.

Thursford Collection is also well known for the Christmas Spectacular show which started in 1977 as a concert of Christmas music and carols performed by students from the University of Cambridge. The show now attracted almost 200,000 visitors each year.

I think the Thursford team put on a good event and hopefully it was a good day for them. Thank you to all who helped and to all who supported our club display.

Gordon Carson - NVTEC-EA

I am writing this on Storm Eunice day and awaiting the battering that is forecast for us in this area. Hope you all escape any wind damage to your buildings etc.

At the December club meeting which was an informal get together we had a Secret Santa evening again which brought in a total of £138 for the Childrens Ward at QE, Kings Lynn. Many thanks to Wayne for organising this and to all who donated prizes and bought raffle tickets. Thanks too to my wife who helped Wayne sell the tickets. A very good buffet was laid on by Ryston and Gordon showed films of past events whilst enjoying each other's company.

It was nice to get back to the William Burt centre at the beginning of the month and thereby able to welcome the new Committee members.

At last night's club meeting we had Peter Thorpe giving a talk and slideshow on the rise and demise of Bennett's agricultural suppliers and manufacturers based in Downham Market. There was a lower attendance due no doubt to the impending visit by "Eunice". However those who did attend enjoyed the talk by Peter so thank you to him for delivering a good performance.

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 May)

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Hello to you all



Let us hope we can have a full rally season and working days etc this year.

I look forward catching up with you at Stradsett, come and have a chat at our club stand.

We are encouraging young people to join the club so if you know any youngster who has a tractor, stationary engines etc or even if they have a interest in farming, you can tell them to download a membership form off the NVTEC East Anglia website.

Wayne Mitchell Membership Secretary

Discount Scheme for all NVTEC members

Don't forget you can get discount at Euro Car parts and National tyres. Look on the back of your 2022 membership card you will see in the white box details.

Remember to take your membership card with you when buying parts and you will get discount when you show card. Quote the account number in the white box.

Wayne Mitchell Membership secretary

★HAPPY BIRTHDAY!★

Belated January

Ezra, Sophie, Holly, Thomas

Belated Feb

Angus, Harry, Keiran, Jasmine

March - Ace • April - Jacob

May - Albert, Sophie • June - Katie

July - Alex, Amy, Macey, Thomas

Thursford Gala Day – Sunday 24th July 2022

The second Thursford Gala Day is to be held on Sunday 24th July from 11am. The NVTEC-EA has again been asked to support this by putting on a vintage display. If you would like to attend on the stand, please give me a call for a form on 01945 880091, 07860 658767 or email stradsett@nvtec-ea.org.uk.
Gordon Carson NVTEC-EA

SPREAD THE WORD

**This year's Manor Farm, Grimston, Vintage
Tractor Road Run is planned to be on
Sunday, June 19th, 2022**

The Manor Farm, Grimston, Vintage Tractor Road Run will be held on Sunday, June 19th. As before, tractors will be led away by organiser Roger Coe at 10.30am to first traverse the village and then strike into the country for their 22-mile journey via Massingham and Sandringham. Tractors will return around mid-afternoon.

Bacon butties, tea and coffee will be available before the run commences.

Entry forms and details from Roger Coe on 07739 892141 or by email from Peter Coe at coepj@aol.com

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



DIARY DATES

Spring Vintage Tractor Road Run, Sunday 3rd April 2022
starting from Cedar Lodge, off Fence Bank, Walpole
Highway, Wisbech, Cambs PE14 7QT. contact David
Askew for more information on 01945 430481 or
07907 388172 or go to nvtec-ea.org.uk

Stradsett Park Vintage Rally Sunday 1st and Monday 2nd
May 2022. Stradsett Nr Downham Market PE33 9HA.
For more information contact Gordon Carson on 01945
880091 or 07860 658767 or go to nvtec-ea.org.uk

Working Weekend, 3rd and 4th September 2022. Hall
Farm Fincham PE33 9DQ. For more information contact
David Mycock on 01366 500879 or 07977 337095


Winter Meetings

Thu 17th March 2022
held at the Ryston park golf club

MAGPAS AIR AMBULANCE


They will be carrying out a CPR and defibrillation
training session on Thursday April 14th, 2022, at 7.30pm
To be held at Ryston Golf Club, Kings Lynn Norfolk
The session is only for a max of 30 people
Please let me know if you would like to do the training
session, so I can add your name on the list.
My Phone number is 07825501296
Wayne Mitchell

**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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