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Stradsett Vintage Rally 2022

After all the disruptions that Covid has caused over the last 2 years, it was great to see Stradsett Vintage Rally back on.

The atmosphere at this rally is amazing, it's wonderful to see people so devoted to restoring and keeping vintage vehicles alive. It's a great chance for people with the same interests to come together and enjoy an action packed weekend.

The show couldn't happen if it wasn't for the hard work and devotion put in to the organisation, not only in the weeks on the run up to the show but for many months before and after the event, so I would like to give a huge thank you to the committee, stewards and volunteers for everything you do to make the show such a huge success.

Thank you for a fantastic family day out and congratulations for the money raised for local charities.

**Thank you all
for your hard work**
Jane Loveday, Editor

Charity Road Run gets NVTEC-EA off to a good start for 2022



After the turmoil of the past two years, we were very pleased to be able to go ahead with our charity road run, held on Sunday 3rd April. We again started at our usual spot in Fence Bank, Walpole Highway with kind permission of Bryan and Julie Beba. Despite the weather being a bit fresh, it was a bright and sunny day and stayed dry which always helps.

With the recent surge in fuel prices because of the awful events happening in the world not just now but over the last few years with covid and Brexit, we must thank all that attended. The cost of travelling to and from the event, let alone the miles around cost a lot and the NVTEC-EA thank you all for your very kind support.



Supreme Windows Ltd provided the trophy for the person who raised the most sponsorship and this year that went to Terry Myhill who raised an astonishing £170.00 so well done Terry. As the 2020 road run did not go ahead, but we had already purchased the trophy we proudly gave this to the runner up Mr Rayner who also raised £165.00 so a very well done to both individuals for such a great effort.



We left Fence Bank at 10.30am going right into Walpole Highway and through 10 miles of back roads before stopping for a quick break at Samuels Butchers on Market Lane in Walpole St Andrew. After a 15 minute stop, we soon got back under way heading through Hay Green into Tilney All Saints, heading to the Coach and Horses where we stopped for an hour for a superb roast dinner and bread and butter pudding.

After lunch, we turned left out of the Coach and Horses and headed down to Tilney St Lawrence, then left towards Magdalen before turning right and heading into St Johns Fen End. We headed round through Black Drove before coming back up Smeeth Road and stopping off at Marshland St James Village Hall for the last stop of the day. The village hall, as with Samuels and the Coach and Horses were all very welcoming and accommodating so thank you all for supporting our event and helping us to raise over £1,600.00 for the East Anglia Air Ambulance.

We cannot run these events without the aid of volunteers and this year including myself, we had Peter Thorpe, David Askew, Richard Perry, Anola Perry and my son Andrew Carson who made it all possible of course along with all the drivers.

We had a good variety of tractors with some old and some new and it's always good to see the change over the years. If you look closely, you can spot some small changes from Daniel Mycock's 1952 petrol/TVO grey Ferguson to Mr Rayners Massey Ferguson 7720 S, what a beast! Times are changing as Daniel Mycock's Ferguson was the only Petrol/TVO tractor on the road run with all the rest being Diesel.

We had a thoroughly good day and thanks again to all involved.

Gordon Carson - NVTEC-EA

Stradsett Park Vintage Rally Returns After Covid

The last two years have been very testing for us all. Since our 2019 rally we have had Brexit, Covid19 and now the unbelievable scenes in Ukraine. This has all led to so much uncertainty in the world and in return pushed fuel and energy prices through the roof. Putting on any event now is a huge worry but being rally organiser you are risking the club's money so the pressure is really on to deliver.

I am always so proud to be rally organiser and this year I could not have dreamed of such a good weekend. With the 2020 and 2021 rallies being cancelled it meant it was three years ago since we had held a rally on the field so there was much to do; rolling, harrowing, cleaning up fallen trees, cutting back brambles to find the water taps and repair work to the gateways and water taps. Any rally organiser needs a good team behind them, and I certainly have that. Reg Fletcher, Terry Myhill and Malcolm Bush all took care of that for us, using their own tractors and fuel to tidy up some 90 acres.

Then comes the marking out which is done the week before but after 3 years and some layout changes, this was to be a challenge. However, with a bit of head scratching it all came together in the end. By Friday night on 22nd April, with a team of 11, 3 grass cutters and a teleporter, we had broken the back

of it and was happy with it all. Over the next few days, I did some fine tuning and was extremely pleased with the outcome.

Ted is the trade steward, a great friend,



and a fantastic help, so between us we had it all in hand. The stewards and helpers arrived on the Thursday before the show to be set up and ready for the Friday gate opening for exhibitors. This year was a little more concerning as most exhibits had booked into the show before the increased fuel prices so I was a bit worried how many would come. However, I worried for nothing as they rolled through the gate one after another and we do appreciate all your kind support.

Fred Rudd and his family along with Peter helped with the marking out and organising of exhibitors, this sort of help is very important and invaluable. Our show is all about our exhibitors and each section has a spot in the ring each day with the added bonus show from Wills dogs who put on a superb display on both days in the main ring, all other ring displays were for our exhibitors.

This year our theme was Minneapolis Moline tractors (MM), Eastern European tractors and E27N. We weren't let down with exhibitors and had a fantastic display for them all. I took

along our 1917 Moline Universal, this is a two-cylinder petrol/TVO and a real treat to drive. Then came the 1945 GTA, this has been fully restored some years ago and fitted with an electric start; I used to crank it but it is much easier now. This was owned by Portass Threshing Contractors from Long Sutton. Then we took the 1949 model G, this also runs and drives well but on LPG, and lastly, we took along the rare Mathis Moline, this is a vineyard model, and we believe one of only 4 remaining in the world, 6 volts but starts and drives very well.

90% or so of tractors you see at most shows today have pneumatic tyres, but I do have a thing for steel wheel tractors and as always, the West family never let me down, they have a 1938 Minneapolis Moline UTS on steel wheels, for some reason it just looks different on steels. The very well-known tractor that was once owned by the late George McDonald was the Minneapolis Moline ZTN, this was supplied new by Eastern Farm Implements of Stamford in 1942, this row crop model is probably one of the best-known MM in the country. The tractor is now owned by a good friend and fellow club member and his family, Ivan Smith who purchased the tractor at Stradsett this year and are very pleased to own this as Ivan can remember this tractor all his life. Ivan would like me to thank the Crisp family for giving them the opportunity to purchase such a special tractor. Thanks to all who supported the MM theme. The 2023 theme will be Allis Chalmers and Oliver/Hart Parr.

The Eastern European display was mainly Zetors but what an excellent display. Reg Fletcher our long-time tractor steward



was involved in this with a Zetor 8011 crystal, this was built in 1975, with new brakes, steering rebuild, new tyres and a new coat of paint.



The Smith Family showing this great looking Petter Handman built in 1906



Peter Caley and friends testing wood

The Zetor Crystal 8011 80HP was launched in 1969, the Crystal was very advanced and featured a flat floor cab with air seat and heater. Independent hydraulics with low link sensing, independent 2-speed PTO, power steering and 2-speed gear splitter and all for just £4,850.00 in 1969.

The E27N display was again a brilliant display with a real variety of tractors as was the pre 1950s which really included all the E27Ns as they were all pre-1950. The Pre-1950 section always brings out some superb old machines like Allan Sales 1919 Saunderson model G. This 1919 tractor was first registered in South Wales and Allan brought from the Keeley sale. There was also several pre-1950 on the club stands and next year they will have club stand no's, just like the west who were showing off their 1917 8 – 16 Avery looking and running well.

This year we had a large club stand display with 21 club stands attending - what a display and thank you all for your hard work. I know what goes into putting on a club display like this. Thanks also to Wayne for overseeing this, a great job done.

Judy also provided us with a really good selection of cars, motorcycles, commercials, and steam engines. I am very proud that both my sons are now interested in the rally scene albeit in cars and trucks but nevertheless, Andrew was there showing for the first time at Stradsett his 1960 Pontiac Catalina with its 6.4 litre V8 engine.

Peter Caley again organised the working area and they were working away happily on both days – what a joy to watch. Malcolm Mycock kept the ring displays in order and our good friends Michael Hart and Allen Creasey kept us informed. I have a thing about rubbish; I hate to see bins overflowing and just piling up, so a special thank you to Malcolm Thomsett who worked endlessly both days walking around changing bin bags and generally keeping the rally field tidy. Great job Malcolm, thank you.

The trade section was slightly down this year as several regular traders had decided to retire over the past 3 years but walking around, Ted provided us with a real good variety of trade stalls with something for everyone. Ted also covers the vintage caravans and Bygones/Awning displays. I must just give a mention to Bassell Whiting and his wife who have been rallying for many, many years and are now, both in their 80s. Stradsett was most likely going to be their last show ever, so I just wanted to say thank you for your support and look after yourselves.

I look after the bar, catering, ex-military, fairground, toilets and skips, etc so that leaves David Mycock who looks after the stationary engines. We had originally looked at a pen for the

engines but due to popular demand for spots, we stuck with our old system. I am pleased we did as they put on a real good show, and I thank them all for their support. We all needed a good show but financially our club needed a good one after the last two years. If I was to sit and write a list for making a great show, I don't think I would even have asked for all we got, great weather, great help, great friends, great exhibits, and friendly public. So, for that, I thank everyone who attended, exhibited, and volunteered for

making our 2022 rally one of the best yet since I have been rally organiser.

I must just thank the horticultural section, not just for putting on a superb display but we ran a bit behind schedule in the ring so had to move them back an hour. No fuss or moans, they just got on with it, so a big thank you for that.

Jack and Annie looked after the main gate this year and it all went very smoothly, thank you. This year, I again had Jake Negus as my assistant and what a great help he was to me. He had booked the Thursday, Friday and Tuesday off work to help, so a big thank you Jake, you're a star. There was one little error – Jake and my son, Andrew were emptying the bins on Sunday evening and Andrew was seen riding on the forklift. I soon put a stop to this and apologise for the mistake.

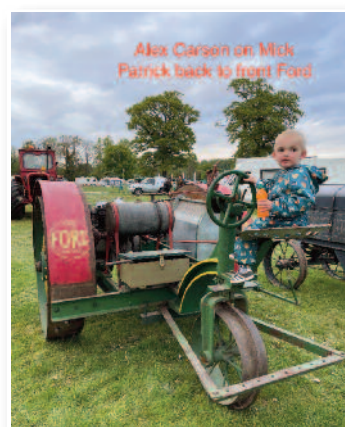
Alfred and his family were very pleased to see the rally return and we thank the Bagge family for their support. Alfred presented the winning trophies again where Ros had worked endlessly to organise.

Lastly, thanks must go to all the friends of Stradsett who helped with the marking out, setting up, parking caravans and exhibits, looking after the pay gates and to Richard for taking photos for me – Thank you all.

Sadly, one of our long-standing club members, friend, and helper for the engine section Dave Moore, passed away on Monday 9th May just a week after helping with the marking out, setting up and siting the engines over the Stradsett weekend. Dave was a keen stationary engine man for many years and was displaying his 1930 Petter Acorn TD working his hack saw. This was very sad news to hear, and our thoughts are with his family at this difficult time.

Our 2023 rally will be held over the May bank holiday – Sunday, 30th April and Monday, 1st May. Hope to see you all there.

Gordon Carson - NVTEC-EA



Alex Carson on Mick Patrick back to front Ford



Dave Moore with his 1930 Petter Acorn

Vintage Horticultural & Garden Machinery Working Day

Hosted By Starting Handle Club Ltd Norfolk



Held on Sunday 13th March 2022 in Stanfield, Norfolk

The Stanfield vintage Horticultural & Garden Machinery Working Day saw a new field and venue layout for the 12th Annual event.

This year we merged with the Starting handle club to help run the event more efficiently.

The Starting Handle Club, "created in 1974 by a small group of enthusiasts, is interested in preserving, working and displaying vintage and classic agricultural and horticultural bygone farm machinery".

Its proven each year were getting bigger and attract more new faces every year and people are travelling far and wide both to view and participate, with exhibitors travelling from Wiltshire, Essex, East Sussex and Leicestershire, With over 40 exhibitors attended with a vast array of vintage and more modern machines from David Brown 2DS, trusty's, barford atoms to Yanmar and Kubota.

Ed Rowe from Essex said - "First time I have visited. Good interesting show. Was worth the drive up from Essex. We were lucky with the weather too."

This year we were proudly sponsored by FTC Hire and Sales, a local small independent family run company, they had some of their hire equipment on display so was a chance to

see the more modern horticultural equipment which they have to offer.

We had lots of public come to view the free event where donations were collected for the East Anglian Air Ambulance and the Stanfield Church.

Peter Roat

Thanks again for a great event. Really good field conditions, so well drained. Pity it isn't twice the size!! I expect Steven got a good night's sleep!! Never seen a man in so many places at once.

We had a raffle with some lovely prizes a burger bar, but something different for children young and old was Wycomb Pastures Mobile Petting Farm which went down very well with everyone.



The weather was on our side with beautiful sunshine even if it was a little bit windy and the rain held off until it was time to go home, but a brilliant day all round for the ploughmen and public.

We had some wonderful machines turn up to plough Mayfields, Hondas, trusty's, BMB Plowmate, David Brown 2DS and a large selection of compact tractors.

We had 5 classes and the results of them classes Are

Small walk behind

- 1st Ralph Burleigh
- 2nd Jim Wakefield
- 3rd Philip Bland

Large walk behind

- 1st Bruce Pomfrett
- 2nd Nigel Pomfrett
- 3rd Robert Paige

Vintage ride on pre 1965

- 1st Andrew Pomfrett
- 2nd David Buttriss
- 3rd Derren Bale



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Ride on

1st Peter Dolman

2nd Paul Maynard

3rd Mark Harrison

Ladies We had 2 lady ploughing we are looking for more.

1st Helen Simpson

2nd Liberty Brett Reynolds

Best Exhibit :- Kurtis Bale with his trusty steed

There was also a playpen for those with smaller tillage machines or who didn't want to do a plot and get judged where they could just enjoy their machines. The stationary engine line keep growing and growing with 12 or more engines.

We had a great Static Display area thanks to Robert Oakes and Paul and Wendy Mackellow. Which looked fantastic.

Showing off the smaller machines such as mowers, tillers and push hoes.

Malcolm Watkins "Thoroughly enjoyed myself today with grandson Connah will definitely be back next year after some practice. Thanks to all involved for a great day"

The Starting Handle Club would like to thank everyone who was able to make it to the 12th horticultural working day and we hope you enjoyed your day as much as we did. We are already planning next years event If you have a rare or different machine we would love to see you there, The event will be roughly the same time next year.

This year we raised a total of £1065.25 to be split between the two charities.

Thank you to everyone for making the event such a success.

Steven Hall



OCTOBER 31ST PLOUGHING FOR FUN DAY

Well come rain or shine, we were determined that this year's ploughing was going to go ahead. And true to form, the rain came but this did not put people off. 17 people turned up to battle the elements and battle they did. With the rain came strong winds but this did not put off these brave souls, some even came in fancy dress as it was Halloween, well done!

A big thank you must go to Marcus Palmer and his dad for letting us use his field, to Jane Rayner for her help and to Jim Wakefield who stayed behind to help tow people off the field.

Next years ploughing for fun day will be held on Sunday 30th October 2022, we raised a grand sum of £500 which has gone to the Brain Tumour Charity.

Once again, a big thank you to all who attended and we hope to see you there next year.

Stay safe and Take Care
David and Chris Buttriss

DAVE MOORE BETTER KNOWN AS WHISTLER

It is very sad to be reporting on the death of Dave Moore. Dave passed away suddenly on the 9th May at his home. Dave was a very keen engine man and attended both our rally and working weekend with his engines and hack saw most years. I have known Dave for many years, long before I was involved in the vintage world as he used to deliver sand etc to my yard, He was also a customer of mine. Dave was a great help with both the setting up and over the weekend of both the rally and the working weekend. Dave will be very sadly missed and our thoughts are with the family and friends.

(Pitcher from our 2021 working weekend)

Gordon Carson -
NVTEC-EA



Cheffins Spring Sale

On the 22nd and 23rd April the Vintage Sale took place at Cheffins Sutton Sale Ground with on site and internet bidding. There were so many entries the sale was conducted over two days for the first time, perhaps not a full success as the number of bidders was very low in the first day, I believe reflecting in the prices raised.



Ferguson Brown No. 278, thought to have come from the Wiston area originally

Day one, Friday, included literature, small parts, household items, models and odd lots. As I say I believe prices for lots were on the lower side from what we would expect. We were able to pick up some literature reasonable and a set of Avery Scales I had been looking for.

Day two, Saturday, was back to normal, a large crowd, lots and lots of varied items – tractor spares, stationary engines including a 100 percent original Fairbanks Morse Vertical Engine of about 5 horse power from before the first world war, a fantastic engine for any collector that sold for over £4,000.00.

There were lots of plough parts to keep the ploughman happy, from complete ploughs from Lister, Ferguson but mostly Ransome, both trailed and mounted. Lots of assorted boards and points, if only they came with an identifying mark that would help tell what they were for, but I guess anybody using a plough would know what parts to look for.

A separate sale included petrolania, cans, signs, pump tops etc., the prices were amazing, the best enamelled sign made over £1,300.00 and a Shell Petrol Pump made by Satam that looked complete and restored in its very smart red and yellow paintwork eventually reached £5,500.00 not sold, but I believe a deal was done soon afterwards.

Motorbikes have become part of the sale there being plenty to choose from ranging from wrecks to restored, ages ranging from the 1920's to much more modern, but the 50's and 60's seem to be the most popular era.

Outside there were dozens of tractors on offer, something for every collector. Prices ranging from scrap right up to £200,000.00 for a County TW1474 4-wheel drive from 1982. Ages range from the teens with models for Case, International, the 1920's with two Rumley's and a rare Huber, the 1930's with several models including Case L and C, International and John Deere.

After that the choice covered all makes, mostly needing some or lots of attention. Some that took my eye were an International W6 from the late 1940's that was one of the tidier ones, a Ferguson Brown on narrow back wheels that obviously needed full attention but looked very restorable and did not make as much as the others sold recently. Several large more modern Ford 4-wheel drive models, can they be classed as vintage, I don't think so, but collectable yes.

There were also some commercial vehicles, a very well restored 'O' type Bedford that I believe was sold very cheaply at £8,000.00. Two well restored wagons from the Ken Thomas collection did not meet the reserve so were not sold when the hammer dropped.

I hope that things get back to normal for the next sale with

Saturday being the day to sell everything, much better for everybody.

David West



Oliver Super 55, 4 cylinder diesel



1945 McCormick W6, 4 cylinder petrol / paraffin

Vintage Tractor Road Run on Sunday June 19th 2022 Manor Farm, Grimston

Please arrive at 9.30. 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.

With music in the trailer and many stalls, it's a full days entertainment. Come and join us.

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

CLUB RALLY

Thank you to all the volunteers from the East Anglia Group who made a very good weekend for all exhibitors and paying public. We hope you made lots of money to donate to charities.

We know it is very stressful but hopefully worthwhile being part of something so successful, you even got the weather right.

Looking forward to another year. Very well done.

Thank you - The West Family

DIARY DATES

Vintage Tractor Road Run Sunday 19th June
Set of at 10am. Roger Coe, Manor Farm, Grimston
Norfolk, PE32 1BG Tel: 07739 892141

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





Summer Visit to

Wednesday 20th July 2022

We will be meeting on site at the IWM Duxford Cambridgeshire
CB22 4QR at 9.30am ready for 10.00am entrance.
We are booked in from 10.00am—4.00pm
The cost is £22.50 for adults and children over 15 years
£11.25 Children 5-15 years and Under 5s are free



Lunch will be at an additional cost, they have two cafes on site serving sandwiches,
house baked pastries, with hot and cold drinks and snacks.
Alternatively, you are welcome to bring your own picnic.

Please send your payment to Gordon Carson before Thursday 23rd June 2022
Address: Bank Farm, Fence Bank, Walpole Highway, Wisbech, Cambs, PE14 7QT
Payment methods: Cash or Cheques made out to NVTEC-EA
Bacs to NVTEC-EA, Barclays Bank plc; sort code 20-46-65 / account no 30661023
Please make it clear who the payment is from.

JIM & MEL WAKEFIELD - OPEN GARDENS

We are pleased to announce that we will be opening our gardens in the NGS open garden scheme on July 2nd 12 noon to 4pm and July 3rd 11am to 4pm at a cost of £5 a head which all goes to NGS charities. Tea, coffee and cold drinks with home made cakes will be on sale with proceeds going to East Anglian Air Ambulance.

Bring your friends and family for a day out and see what we do in our spare time, look forward to seeing you.

Also we are pleased to say that our sheds now set up as a museum will be open to NVTEC members on Saturday 9th July from 5pm onwards with tea coffee cold drinks and home made cake on sale proceeds and any donations you wish to make going to EAAA .

See you then Jim & Mel Wakefield



WORKING WEEKEND & PLOUGHING MATCH

**Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th
September 2022**
Hall Farm, Fincham, PE33 9DQ
By kind permission of Hugh Mason





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





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

Refreshments available all weekend




Newark 2021 – What a Great Weekend



The 2021 New Tractor and Heritage Show returned over the weekend of 13th and 14th of November. The East Anglia NVTEC again had their club stand and what great support we got this year. We also had a great variety of top-quality exhibits, and I cannot thank all our members enough for their support and help setting up and taking down the club stand, everybody was amazing.

They had a bit of a change round this year and added the option of booking online which did not suit everybody and they certainly had a few teething problems, however change is always necessary and will make the running of the show better in the long run providing they get it right.

The club stands had been allocated space but we were a bit tight on our stand for the quantity booked on, I had to leave some at home which was a bit disappointing. However, we were indoors, on concrete, had electricity and water outside the door so we could live with being a bit tight for space. We took the 1951, petrol/TVO E27N as this was part of the theme. This tractor was once part of the Paul Rackham collection, it was then sold at his sale back in 2015. Sadly, the man who purchased it then died so it finished up in Cheffins and that's where we got it from back in October 2018. The Fordson E27N was manufactured by the Ford Motor Company Ltd, Dagenham, UK and back in 1951 would have cost about £308.00. The E27N Fordson Major was launched on the 19th March 1945 to replace the Fordson Model N. The 1950 example has the improved vaporiser that was

introduced to provide a quicker warm-up and changeover from petrol to TVO (tractor vaporising oil) as well as better idling and increased fuel economy. The E27N was 27hp with a governor speed of 1200rpm. The transmission is three forward gears, a reverse and foot clutch operated a single plate running in oil. The fuel tank can hold 1 gallon of petrol and 16.5 gallons of TVO. The E27N weighs around 4 tonne at 4,062 lbs so quite a lump. We also took along the 1919 Heider D 9 – 16, this rare tractor was purchased from the John Heider sale (no relation) on the



27th August 2011 and then shipped back to England by William Engleman. This early 1919 tractor was marketed as the practical tractor



for the small or medium size farm however this tractor spent its life working in a sawmill, she starts, runs and drives lovely. The Wests have been very good supporters of the NVTEC-EA club stand now for some years and this year was no exception, They brought along their 4" scale working model of a 1918 International Harvester Co 10–20 Titan, I am sure it looks better every time I see it. They also brought their International Harvester 8–16 Junior, this 1919 tractor has a 4-cylinder, petrol/ TVO overhead valve engine. It was restored around 1984 in Cheshire by Mr Eric Armistead and was in Scotland until purchased by the West family in 2012. Also on our stand was the West family's 1917 Avery model 8–16 this tractor was purchased by the previous owner from the Schaff collection in the USA in 2007 and then purchased by the West family in 2017. Some work has been carried out to the fuel tank and the carburettor but what a lovely looking little tractor, I say little as I expected it to be much bigger. This is a 2-cylinder horizontal opposed engine with 2 forward and one reverse gear, it starts on petrol but runs on TVO. I will admit I also expected it to be grey, so it was a real treat to see this great looking tractor on the club stand.



Stuart Bailey is another great supporter of our club stand with his lovely looking 1946 Fordson E27N Major (land utility model). This tractor was acquired from John Chalke from Outwell in Cambridgeshire back in 1985 and restored by Stuart over some years. New to the club stand was Ian Cable with a fully restored Zetor 3011. The Zetor 3011 was launched in 1960 as the first of the unified series of tractors (URI) and continued in production until 1967. Ian purchased this tractor back in 2018 having been partially restored. This was Ian's first tractor restoration project, so he persuaded his neighbour and fellow enthusiast to lend him a hand. Registration number LKE 408E, this 3 cylinder tractor has 33 horsepower with 5 forward and 1 reverse gear. I am sure we get to see it again as part of our 2022 Stradsett Rally as the theme is Eastern European Tractors



Our good friend Malcolm Bush showed off a 1978 Yanmar whilst Fred Rudd exhibited a 1954 Trusty Steed. Graham Douglas exhibited a good looking wheelhorse and Grahame Bacon all from Norfolk showed off his collection of Blacksmith, wheelwright tools and old horseshoes made and used by his father and grandfather.

Onto the 4 great engines we had firstly was Daniel Edward with his Rock Island Plow Company 1.5 horsepower hit and miss enclosed crank engine. The Rock Plow Company was founded in Rock Island Illinois USA in 1855. A former partner of John Deere, in 1884 the company was renamed to The Rock Plow Co. one of the largest companies of the day. They never produced their own gas engines until 1911 when they started to market other companies engines under their own name such as Heider. Daniel also brought along his 1923 Massey Harris Type 2 engine that came over as part of the lease lend scheme. This engine spent its working life on a farm in Suffolk. Ralph Thompson and Ricky Kemp both from Cambridgeshire brought two virtually identical engines both restored to a very high standard. Ralph's being a Jaeger GH 2 HP built in 1924 and Rick's being a Jaeger 2s built in 1926 but both stunning.

Moving away from our club stand to another friend of our Stradsett Rally, Larry Parkers brought along his recently restored John Deere 40 standard. This tractor was built by John Deere in the Dubuque Iowa factory USA at the cost of \$1,500 dollars in 1953. There was 1800 units built and this tractor replaced the John Deere Model M. Larry was showing this tractor with his also recently restored John Deere 290 corn planter serial number T42396 and what a pair they were, very deservedly winning 'Best John Deere in Show'. The 290-corn planter was built by John Deere in the Moline Planter Works Illinois USA at a cost of \$300 dollars in 1958 and could drill up to 30 acres per day (well done Larry). The last tractor I need to mention is an Allis Chalmers model B built in 1942 during the war and fitted with steel wheels. This was sent over in component form from Milwaukee, North America and then assembled over here. We are hoping to have this next to our model C 1941 Row Crop Allis on steel wheels at the 2022 Stradsett Rally. All I have left to say is thank you to all our club members for your help and support.

Great show and great weekend.

Gordon Carson - NVTEC-EA



Vintage Horticulture Working Day

On Sunday 13th March, I was invited to report on a well established vintage horticultural and garden machinery working day. This event is now run by the starting handle club and held in Stanfield, Norfolk on the B1145. The main organisers for this club event are Adrian and Stephen Hall and Ian and Jackie Thomson.

I arrived about 11am on what was a fresh but lovely dry morning, I first came across Nevil Websdale and his friends working a selection of David Brown 2 D's. These were all going very well, all built around 1956 with 2-cylinder diesel electric start engines. Although they only had 2 cylinders, they apparently have 3 pistons. The ploughs and cultivators are mounted between the front and rear wheels and can be lifted up or down by rams running on compressed air.

The ground seemed very good not too wet and no dust so you could not ask for much better working conditions. Moving on, Richard Crips was ploughing with his 1978 John Deere 755 and his single furrow homemade 'Crisp's bodged up plough' (his words not mine). His son Alec was alongside on a yellow John Deere 955 fitted with a cab and heater. This little tractor came in from America and worked on the Ryston Golf Course which is where the NVTEC-EA hold their winter meetings.

I then came across Mr D Gold on an Iseki TF15 1980 with a nice little Tomblin single furrow plough. Mr Kurtis Bale was enjoying working his 1954 MK2 Trusty while his friend was on a 1948 Trusty Stead pulling TS42 plough.

Well known Jim and Mel Wakefield were working their original David Bradley American 1960's 3-4 horsepower with a little single furrow plough which was also a David Bradley.

The star of the show for me was Mr Dick Culley on his Motomeccanica 'Balilla'. This lovely little machine was built in 1935 in Milan, Italy. The model is a B50 and with its 10



Dick Culley 1935 Motomeccanica



Jim Wakefield and his David Bradley

horsepower, 4-cylinder petrol/paraffin engine and its high/low gear box providing 6 forward and 2 reverse gears. I would imagine it was a very versatile machine back in 1935, it was sold as a small farm/orchard tractor and Mr Culley has some pictures of it working with a

binder, drill and hay rake. Very nice!

I was surprised to only see one motor garden tractor there and that was of course Dave Buttress on his 1959 MG40 again, petrol/paraffin this 7.5 horsepower machine was fitted with hydraulics and doing a good bit of ploughing.

There was a good display of stationary engines, I first came across a lovely small but well restored Scott Homen Simplex. This was originally a hot tub engine but has now been converted to a trembler coil and runs on LPG, built in 1910 and displayed by Maureen Butler.

Then I came across some of our new members Mr and Mrs Allen from Taverham with an International Harvester 1.5 horsepower engine built in 1922 and serial number B895. I have one just the same, they are a very nice engine.

Everybody seemed to be having a thoroughly good day out and in doing so they were raising money for the East Anglia

Air Ambulance and the Stanfield Church, with catering on site really what more do we want out of life.

Well done to all involved and thanks for inviting me.



Fred Hudd Conservating



Nevil Websdale on a David Brown 2 D

Gordon Carson
NVTEC-EA

Well after what has seemed like an eternity we were all able to meet up again at the Stradsett rally and what a wonderful weekend it was. The crowds just kept coming and all or at least I hope all went home with a smile on their faces.

Gordon yet again surpassed himself with his dedication to this event and a massive thank you for all his work over many weeks, it is a huge commitment and yet not a grey hair appears on that fresh head of his although he may disagree with that.

Where do you begin to thank all the wonderful helpers who put so much time and effort into everything they did over the weekend. They also show commitment to the rally and where would we be without them.

The field layout this year was superb, one of the best.

On Sunday I attended the charity event that David Mycock and family organised in memory of Dave Moore who tragically died soon after Stradsett. He had helped at the rally alongside David. Credit to them for putting on such a good event albeit not in normal circumstances. The money raised, £1,311.66 is being donated to the MIND charity. Sincere condolences from our Club to his family at this difficult time.

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 Aug)

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Hi All



What a super weekend we all had at Stradsett Rally.

I had lots of people joining NVTEC-EA club more than 2019 rally which was the last Stradsett rally before covid.

We are encouraging young people to join the club so if you know any youngster who is interested in the world of tractors, stationary engines etc they can download a membership form from the NVTEC East Anglia website.

Remember if you have a change of address or Phone number etc please could let me know so I can update your records.

Wayne Mitchell Membership Secretary



June- Katie and Ollie

July- Alex, Amy, Logon, Macey, Thomas and Tommy

August- Lilly and Lucas

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.



Washed and ready
for next
year!



Thanks Malcolm
and Joan

York Ice Trail

On a recent visit to York we came across the ice trail, an event held in the city on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th March 2022.

It's the UK's biggest outdoor Ice Trail, with a range of magnificent ice sculptures transforming York's city centre.



WAFFLES & ICE CREAM

There was 40 sculptures of solid ice, inspired by international cultures and our love of travel with an AROUND THE WORLD theme.



THE ASTRONAUT

The trail took you round the city following the map and each of the cities famous landmarks hosted one or more carvings, there were also live carvings held in St Sampson's Square where you could see the skill involved in producing these sculptures.



ANTARCTICA: OLAF (FROZEN)



FIRST YORK PARK & RIDE

Keith Raynes

Sorry to hear the passing of Keith Raynes who died early this year, him and Jane organised the tractors at sandringham, and will be sadly missed by all.

Malcolm Bush