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# VINTAGE TORQUE

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## NVTEC-EA Club Meetings Resume



On Thursday 21st October starting at 7.30pm at the Royston Park Golf Club, some 19

months after

our last meeting, we finally got to hold out first club meeting of 2021. Club meetings, like most things have been suspended since February 2020 due to Covid restrictions. The meeting was hosted by Emma Sanders from the MAGPAS Air Ambulance, MAGPAS stands for Mid Anglia General Practitioner Accident Service. Emma gave us a great talk and very good insight to what they do with their one helicopter and three rapid response vehicles on the ground. MAGPAS runs 24/7 and requires over £5.5 million per year to run and like most air ambulance groups, receive no government funding, they completely rely on donations from all of us. MAGPAS is based in Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, but covers 6 counties including Norfolk and Lincolnshire. Their motto is 'with you we save lives 24/7'. We all thanked Emma for the talk and we wish them very well but hope we never need their assistance.

Gordon Carson - NVTEC-EA



## Fred and Gill go for Gold

On Saturday 4th October 2020, Fred and Gill Rudd celebrated their Golden 50th wedding anniversary. The plan was to celebrate this with family and friends around them however like most things, covid restrictions prevented this. But they finally got to celebrate on Saturday 3rd October 2021.

Fred Rudd is a very long-standing member of the NVTEC-EA club, joining back in 1974 and was on the committee as a tractor steward from 1975 to 1981. I first got to know Fred and his family back in 2002 when we purchased our 1943 Ford Standard N with the L4 Diesel Conversion (Stubble Shifter). Fred owned this tractor and had himself carried out the conversion some years earlier. It has an electric start and is fitted with E27N head lights.



We attended the party with our youngest grandson, Ace and it was a very lovely evening with great company, great food, and great band. They did not want any presents but just donations to be split between two charities that are very close to their hearts, Lymphedema and Crohn's/Colitis raising over £700.00, very well done to all.

Gordon Carson - NVTEC-EA



# Sandringham Game and Country Fair 2021 with Viv Gray

What a great weekend we had! The weather stayed fine and the visitors flocked to the show with everybody seemingly pleased to be out and about and appreciating the 'covid safety' precautions. The organisers must be congratulated for making sure there was plenty of space with sanitiser stations at regular intervals for we must still be careful but also we need to live our lives. Clive and Julie, having completed a covid training course, once again organised the stationary engine compound and Ted and I enjoyed the corner plot with a good view over to the ring where there was a full programme including ponies and horses so, of course, I was happy. However, I could not sit about for long as Gordon called in a favour. In his absence he tasked me with taking photographs and notes, so I was out and about with my camera and notepad. It was a nostalgic tour for me, renewing old acquaintances and discovering their 'lockdown labours' as it seems a chunk of time has been taken out of our lives. Sadly there were many faces that were absent and I send 'get well soon' messages to those who are grounded and big hugs to those who have lost their nearest and dearest. Such is life with its highs and lows. So on we go with my tour.



Ted Gray's 13 year old collection of restored petrol cans. He now has in excess of 100 including a rare 1921 Technicol from the illfated oil field at Setch.



Peter Martin with his 1944 Ruston & Hornsby 1.5 hp driving a water pump.



Geoff Lawson with his 1913 Amanco Chore Boy 1.75hp driving a Fairbanks Morse Typhoon pump.



John Bailey with his 1935 Lister D and Rapidor Manchester Power Hacksaw that he was using to cut steel to make wheels for an engine trolley.



Stacey Burnett with his 1944 Ruston & Hornsby 1.5hp driving a Paint Pigment Mill and a Coffee Mill.



Whenever there's a problem it's good to have friends. Jimmy Rudd with Shane Marrow's 1933 Lister A Junior.



Young William Whitehead polishing a Lister D running a water pump.





Val Loveday proudly showing her husband's 1946 Lister D running a Stuart Pump. John has been busy during lockdown making 2 replica half size models, one of a Wolseley WDI and the other a Lister water pump to join his earlier model of a Lister D.



In the Bygone section Grahame Bacon was showing his collection of blacksmith tools handed down by his grandfather to his father who both worked at Walsingham. All tools are at least 50 years old and some of the horseshoes are a 100+ years old. What a tale they could tell!

Below: A charming on-going project of a Water Mill with intricate detail made by Brian and Carole Moore following plans from a book by Brian Nickolls. When finally completed the mill will work as per a real one, with the water wheel turning to provide power to the mill.



James Rivett took 3 years to build 'Hilary' shown right, a 4" scale model of a Coulson & Wear 3NHP Portable Engine named after his mum. His nan is sitting behind it and her name is given to 'Sybil' a 4" scale model of a 1930's Burrell GP Engine, that he finished in 2008 and shown below driving a Manufrance flour mill, made during the period 1910 to 1950.





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Lynn and Ivan Smith's "Invictus" a 120 year old 8 ton Aveling & Porter Road Roller no: 4877. 1 of only 6 made particularly for working on narrow streets and pavements. Ivan is pleased to brush off the cobwebs and get showing again.



Above: Phil Scarborough with his 3" scale model Garrett driving a half size saw bench owned by Richard Kew.

Below: Terry Myhill's totally original 1949 Ferguson with the only alteration being changing the electrics to 12 volt. It has a rare handbrake that says 'patent pending' and Terry has the original registration papers.



Doug Crampton with his 4" scale model of a Burrell that he finished in 2019 after 7 years construction.



Above: Liz & Mike Hornigold with their 1983 Marshall 302 made in Turkey, bought 5 years ago and restored it giving much attention to the cab.

Below: Alan Whiteman with his 1958 Massey Ferguson FE35





Peter Caley's Foster Threshing set powered by his International B450.



Tractors on Parade.



Peter Copeman's 1901 "Hermit" has been with Peter since 2012 and what a life it's had. From it's beginning with Marshall's Gainsborough it went to Scotland where it was used for thrashing on a farm. Then came WWI and it was commandeered to help in France pulling guns and ammunition. Being smaller than some it was lucky to escape being scrapped at the end of the war and was brought back to Devon where the county council converted it to be a road roller. Eventually being made redundant it was bought and converted back to how it is now.



Below is Basil Whiting's collection of plaques of local manufacturers that he has acquired over 10 years. Basil has been rallying for 50 years and attended the first club rally in 1974 at North Lynn together with founder members Roger Coe, Malcolm Bush, Francis Earl, Reg Matless, Newman Smith, Denzyl Mayes, Fred Rudd, Sir Jeremy Bagge Tony Saunders and Jimmy Ayres.



My tour is ended and I need to apologise to all those people and their exhibits that I have not included. The time flies by and also tiredness takes over. However, if you have a 'lock down' project or a restoration that you would like to share through the pages of Vintage Torque I would be pleased to pop over and put together an article, providing you don't live too far away from King's Lynn. Bye for now. Viv



# NVTEC-EA Finally get out on their coach trip to the Black Country Living Museum



On Wednesday 28th July 2021, we finally got to visit the Black Country Living Museum near Dudley. We originally had this booked for April 2020, then due to covid we moved it to April 2021 but again it was postponed until July 2021. With the big unlock down being planned for 19th July, we hoped we would just get away with it, and we did.

Harrods Coaches were very helpful and moved our booking at no extra cost even though it was virtually two years since we booked so thanks to them. We boarded the coach at Bexwell for a 7am start stopping off at the new Rugby services on the M6 then arriving just after 10am, we soon got booked in and off we went.

The collections of Black Country Living Museum represent the single largest record of material in Britain which exemplifies the particular contribution of Black Country to the industrial revolution. The region was uniquely rich in coal, ironstone, limestone and fine clay. The Staffordshire 'Thick Coal' – a seam 30 foot thick on average, was the richest in Britain and some areas outcropped at the surface. Coal had been



extracted in South Staffordshire since the Middle Ages and the area was known for its iron working by the sixteenth century but then in the eighteenth century the exploitation of coal and other mineral resources was accelerated by the first successful practical application anywhere of steam



power and then later in the century by the creation of the densest network of waterways in the country. Together



steam power and the canals helped create the Black Country and established it as the greatest iron producing district in Britain and one of the greatest in the world.

You can learn some very interesting facts such as many brickyards in the Black Country were shut during the second world war because the kilns could not be blacked out during air-raids. Following the war there was a shortage of bricks so immediate housing needs were met with alternative materials such as cast iron and reinforced concrete. When brickyards were up and running again the rebuilding of Britain placed huge demand on the brick-making industry. Mass housing, hospitals, schools, churches and pubs were





all built in brick in the post war period and the industry was able to take advantage of technological changes to keep up with the demand, the convey belt, forklift, moulding machines, tunnel kilns and lorry transportation all had a new place in the brick-making trade.

In the early 1900's, over 3000 chainmakers sweated on hearths in the dirty, cramped backyard workshops of the Black Country. Most of these workers were women, they had to make 260,000 links per year, working 54 hours per week with little pay and no holidays. The women could not afford childcare, so their children came with them to help tend the fires or learn the trade. Babies were wrapped up in boxes next to the forge or hung from the ceiling in baskets to keep them out the way.

There were many things to look at even the canal area where they



filmed some scenes from *Peaky Blinders*. At the museum you can visit the automotive collection, motorcycle collection, bus and trolley bus collection, cast iron houses,



the drift mine, racecourse colliery, Newcomen engine, the toll house, Jerushah (tilted cottage) Pitts cottage, Lench Oliver shop, Conway garage, St James School, Hobbs & Son Fish & Chips, Old Birmingham Road, the builder yard, the coal yard and the list goes on. We took along our young



Grandson Ezra who was to have his first trip out on a coach and seemed to enjoy the day along with the other children on the trip. They were all very well behaved and I am pleased they came along and hope they learned some

interesting things. Thanks to all who supported the trip and I hope you all had a good day.

There was one old poster I saw, now for the more senior of us you will remember the old saying 'a handkerchief in time saves nine' well there has probably never been a time where this has been more important.

Gordon Carson - NVTEC-EA





# Moth in a China Shop

The charity was established in 2015 after the tragic loss of Arthur Mason who sadly lost his life in a terrible accident on the family farm. The charity is all about helping children and young adults develop sports and inclusion skills including learning about nutrition, basically the work we believe Arthur would have been involved in if he had lived a full lifetime.

Unbelievably Arthur's brother, Harold Mason also lost his life at such a young age in a car accident. Now the charity is in memory of not one young man but Brother's in arms.



Arthur Mason

Siblings

Harold Mason

We have worked many individuals and organisations supporting them with either money donations or physical items.

- A school in Birmingham was walking children to a rugby ground on a 2 hr return walk, because of MIAC'S donation they have the use of a school mini-bus to not only ferry them to sports grounds but also take students to theatres and other school activities.
- A young man was in need of a sports wheelchair so as a charity we provided him with this essential aid to allow him to enjoy sports more freely.
- More recently we have worked with the scouts, providing them with an outdoor area where they learn various skills and have the space to run and play. In 2022 the local Guides will also be coming to the area to make use of what we can offer the children
- We have partnered with Northampton Saints Foundation and Bath Rugby Foundation to fund two phenomenal social inclusion programs, committing £5000 to each for three years. Working with the Northampton Saints Foundation we will be supporting the opening of a new education hub in Suffolk. We will be working with children aged 10-16 with various life challenges. Our partnership with Bath Rugby Foundation supports their HITZ social inclusion programme working with youngster's aged 16-24. The programme exists to support children and young people living in poverty, who don't have an equal opportunity in health, education and employment, and are slipping through the net.
- We have now set up a new fundraising initiative called 'Harold's Club' it enables people to sign up to an affordable monthly donation of choice. As a thank you we enter all regular donors into a monthly prize draw.

These are a few examples of the work we are doing; we appreciate the incredible amount of hard work that David Mycock and the many helpers put into the Ploughing event every year. It seems to get bigger and bigger every year and is thoroughly enjoyed by everyone that attends - Thank you so very much from all of us at Moth in a China Shop.

## December Meeting with a Difference

Our December meeting at Ryston Golf Club will be held on Thursday 16th December starting at 7.30pm. This is going to be a social evening for a get together and catch up. We are going to have a slideshow of past events, there will be a raffle with all the proceeds going to the children's ward at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in King's Lynn so please if you can bring along a wrapped gift for the Secret Santa raffle that would be fantastic.

The bar will be open and there will be nibbles, Wayne will be there to deal with your 2022 membership, and we will have a large range of club clothing on display for them last minute Christmas presents.

Please come along and show your support, stay safe and have a great Christmas.

Gordon Carson - NVTEC-EA



# NORMAC Cultivation Demonstration Day 2021



Once again organised by NORMAC this event was held on land at Bexwell by kind permission from Albanwise Farming Ltd.



The event was well represented by various manufactures of tractors and cultivation equipment and other stands offering farming support and agricultural needs.

The event was well spread out and many steps taken to cover everything on display and to see everything working. This event certainly shows how far agricultural equipment has moved on since the first tractors and equipment were designed and manufactured and how these machines have increased in size too.

A good day out, many steps and photos taken from what was an enjoyable day out, also good to see other club members attending.

Judy Webb - NVTEC-EA



**Sun 1st & Mon 2nd May 2022**  
**44<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.nvtec-ea.org.uk)  
**Pre-Booked Exhibits Only**

Where The A134 Crosses The A122  
 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.

For Entry and Sponsorship Forms Contact  
 David Askew 01945 430481  
 Gordon Carson 01945 880091  
 Or Download Them From [www.nvtec-ea.org.uk](http://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.

Supporting Registered Charity 1083876

East Anglian Air Ambulance



## Holbeach Car Show 2021



Sunday 18th July was the first ever Holbeach Car Show and gladly it won't be the last as it was a great day out for all. There was a wonderful collection of vehicles from modern Mercedes to old American classics but the one that caught my eye was a Volkswagen Camper Van which was converted into a fire engine. 'Freiwillige Feuerwehr' was written on the door and means volunteer fire department and 'Monzefeld' was where it was stationed in Germany. Personally I think it was a perfect example of being in a good original condition without being too shiny. There wasn't just cars on display though, there was also a live band, fairground attractions, food vans and more. The only downside was that it was held on the main car park so a lot of people had to park on the road but it wasn't really an issue as the weather was scorching! I'd highly recommend a visit next year if not just for the excellent ice cream stand.

Andrew Carson  
NVTEC-EA

## 2021 TRACKS CHARITY PLOUGH DAY, HORNINGTOFT



Early morning weather was a bit murky and damp but at the morning progressed so did the weather into a nice bright day ahead. Once again Neville and Sally Websdale and their helpers had been very busy prior to the day getting the tracked machines and ploughs to the field ready for a days workout.

As the crawlers and steel wheeled tractors worked away the spectators began to arrive and the field soon became a hive of activity both human and machinery.

The ever popular raffle was well supported with a large array of donated prizes to suit all.

This years event was the most successful to date

with an amazing amount of £3,460.42 being raised for The Big C – Norfolk's Cancer Charity.

Huge thanks to Neville, Sally, all the drivers and helpers and the public for making this another successful day.

See you next year – October 9th 2022, put it in your diary.

Judy Webb - NVTEC-EA





Hello All,

We are nearing the end of another year and hopefully, if the pandemic allows, we will be able to resume our activities as before, namely our road run and Stradsett rally which provides funds for important charities/groups.

The Working Weekend at the beginning of September was a highlight for many, whether participating or viewing and congratulations must go to David Mycock, helpers and of course Masons Farm for putting on such a successful weekend. A fantastic amount was raised for The Moth in a China Shop charity.

Several of our Committee attended the Newark Show for the first time in 2 years, the Remembrance Service being a poignant part of proceedings on Sunday, albeit rather noisy at times. I am sure all who attended had a chance to catch up with people whom they maybe had not seen for a while and the weather was quite good.

Upwards and onwards to our AGM and this is a plea for anyone who is interested to join us and help to ensure that the Club continues to thrive for the foreseeable future.

Henry Howlett

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Thank you to all who have contributed to this issue.

Please, please send me your stories, we would love to hear about them, big or small articles will be greatly received, send to: [truereflections77@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:truereflections77@yahoo.co.uk)

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

## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Hello to you all

Its membership renewal time for 2022, membership fees for 2022 are the following:

Full One insured	£23.00
Joint Two insured	£25.00
Family Two insured	£27.00
Junior One insured	£19.00
Country member NOT insured & No Vaporising	£13.00

Joint = Two adults living at the same address.

Family = Two adults at the same address + 3 children.

Junior = aged 13 to 16 or 18 if in full time education.

**All insured names must be over 13 years old.**

PLEASE read the General Data Protection Regulation 2018 on the membership before signing and date it.

Membership payments can be paid to myself at winter meetings.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.

**Wayne Mitchell** Membership Secretary



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

## Winter Meetings

Thu 16th Dec 2021 • Thu 20 Jan 2022

Thu 17th Feb 2022 • Thu 17th March 2022

held at the Ryston park golf club



## Christmas greeting from your Rally Organiser

Yes, it is nearly Christmas again unbelievably, it only seems like yesterday I was writing last years. I am in full swing organising our 2022 Rally so fingers crossed we can go ahead over the weekend of Sunday 1st and Monday 2nd May 2022 and of course for good weather to show its face for the May Bank Holiday weekend. By the time our rally weekend comes it will have been three years since our last and some of our key helpers have had to take more of a back seat due to ill health and ageing bones. So if anybody would like to volunteer their time it would be very much appreciated as we cannot pull off such a large scale event without helpers. We will again be having a two-day set up with exhibitors arriving from 9am on Friday 29th April.

2021 has been another strange year but we have finally been getting back out and about attending Ludlow, Marsham, Thursford, our clubs working weekend, Casterton and lastly Newark. We were looking forward to beginning the new year at Tractor World at the Three Country's Showground in Malvern in late February but due to Covid, this has been moved to 21st and 22nd May 2022. I will be unable to attend but I am hoping some members will be able to attend and fly the flag for our club as we have had a big presence there for many years. Our club's road run is booked for Sunday 3rd April 2022 leaving from Walpole Highway with the kind permission of Bryan and Julie Beba.

Like all clubs it's been a struggle over the past couple of years but we can now see the light at the end of the tunnel and I thank all those who have supported us through these very strange and testing times. If anybody has any ideas for a summer visit or if you feel you can help with events, please do make contact. We need some new helpers with fresh ideas to keep our club moving forward.

I am sure in the past three years there will have been many new purchases and restorations and I look forward to seeing them out at Stradsett in 2022. In the meantime, stay safe and have a wonderful Christmas and a very happy new year to you all.

Gordon Carson - NVTEC-EA

## The Queens Platinum Jubilee 70 Years Celebration

2022 will be the celebratory year of The Queens Platinum Jubilee for 70 years on the throne. Whilst we will be celebrating all year, the main weekend is from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June. Tractor fest will be hosting the once in a lifetime event with a '3 day spectacular' over that weekend at Newby hall, Ripon.

We are having the club stand there so if anyone is hoping to attend the show, please make it clear on your entry form that you are part of the NVTEC East Anglia Group. If you could then also let me know if you are attending, I can make sure we have room for a great club display. This can be tractors, engines, cars, horticulture, or commercial vehicles.

I hope to see you all getting involved to put on a fantastic display for The Queen.

Gordon Carson - NVTEC-EA

## Hard Landing from E27N

I'm just writing to thank everybody who enquired about my health and the advice given after my fall...

"You silly old bugger"

"have you not got a set of steps?"

"had you not got a jug?"

"why did you not ring me and I would have done it for you!" (thanks Gordon)

Sorry I missed two days of ploughing and a good weekend. Well done David and Claire.

I laid on the floor with the jerry can beside me going glug, glug, glug and the parafin running beside me!!!

Thanks to you all.

With Kind Regards Malcolm.

## Unusual Cars Black Country Museum

### 1959 Meadows Frisky Family Three

The idea of the Frisky came from the racing driver Raymond flowers. He wanted to design a small, mass-produced economical car for every man. He went into partnership with Henry Meadows Ltd and designed the Frisky Sport and Frisky Coupé. The



Frisky Family Three was introduced in 1959. It was built at Meadows' factory in Falling Park, Wolverhampton. The car was reported favourably by the media prior to its release and expectations were high. Unfortunately, sales were poor. The Austin Mini was introduced a year later, revolutionising a small car and going on to become the best selling car in British history. This marked the end for Fisky, with production ceasing in 1961. The Frisky Three only had three wheels which meant it could be driven on a motorcycle licence!

### 1954 Kieft



Kieft Ltd of Wolverhampton produced this sleek and streamline car in 1954. Built as a racing car, it was the first in the world to have a one-piece fibreglass body. It made the car lighter and more aerodynamic. Unfortunately the car was never very successful in competitions

and only a small number were built.

The company owner, Cyril Kieft, gave this car to his daughter Anne for her 21st birthday.