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PRESS RELEASE

50th Anniversary of the NVTEC-EA Group

David Brown and all things Turner Yeoman of England are to be the main tractor and implement themes for the 2024 3 day special at the Stradsett Park Vintage Rally, to be held over the May Bank Holiday Saturday 4th, Sunday 5th and Monday 6th May 2024. This one off 3-day special is to celebrate the National Vintage Tractor and Engine Club East Anglia group's 50th Anniversary. We are also having a theme for the stationary engines, and this will be Ruston Hornsby and anything with an open crank. Lastly, I would also like a section where we can have all things built in 1974 and exhibits that attended the first ever rally ie cars, commercials, tractors, motorcycles' ect so the public can see how things have changed over the past 50 years. This is to give you all time to get your lovely exhibits out and make sure they are ready, as its is only just over a year away. We are already excited to be planning this and hope you can all celebrate this milestone with us. We will still have a 2-day set up with exhibitors arriving from 9am on Thursday 2nd May 2024.

Tracks Ploughing Day 9th October 2022









Once again Neville and Sally Websdale, supported by Richard, Jimmy, Justin, Morris, David, Philip, Phyllis organised this day on land provided by the Hill family. There is a tremendous amount of worker behind the scenes before, during and after the day that allows both ploughmen and spectators to have a good day out which in turn raises money for The Big C – Cancer Charity.

The day was bathed in sunshine and blue sky with a bit of an autumnal nip in the air that did not deter the ploughmen or the large number of visitors to the field we have been attending for many years and I feel to date that this was the best attended day all round.

There were many familiar faces and also some first time attending ploughmen who at the end of the day were already looking forward to next years day.

Participants included Frank Fowler with his Caterpiillar D4d, David Giles with his Standard Fordson, Jim Wakefield could be seen on an International- slightly bigger than the Ransomes MG you can see him on!! Smaller tracked machines included walk behinds and Ransomes MG.

Neville and Sally have raised £26,000 from past plough days which has been given to The Big C cancer charity, this money provides funding for vital research to find a cure and improved treatment for this disease.

The infamous raffle, tombola and win a bag of booze were all well supported, with all prizes for the main raffle donated by local businesses, friends and supporters of the event. Once again raffle MC Jackie done a great job and thanks to those that manned the tombola and win the booze luck number. The final amount raised was an amazing

 \pounds 4,068.51 – this is highest amount raised since the event started. Well done to everyone involved in making this day such a huge success, next years event will be on 8th October – save the date in your diary .

Judith Webb - NVTEC-EA

Thursford Truly Unique



This year, we were again invited to put on a club display at the Thursford open day on Sunday 24th July 2022. My fellow club members as normal did not let me down. I think we did the club proud. Myself, Ted and Allan arrived about 8am to find since last year, they had laid some nice new roadways and we had been given a very good area, so we soon got set up.

Despite the hot sunny morning, it was a bit windy, so we had to secure the gazebos to the side of my lorry, that was once we had chased one across the showground. Ted Grey brought along his superb display of petrol cans, these always make a fantastic backdrop and get plenty of interest. Matthew and Cheryl Hoy brought along just some of their International Harvester model display. This was the first time I have seen this, and it really looked good, I can see this growing and growing.

Jim and Mel Wakefield put us on a good display as always of horticulture equipment, motorbike and their John Deere Model LA. I took along the 1954 Turner Yeoman of England and the John Deere 1941 Model B, both very dusty after being at Weeting the weekend before so kept me busy cleaning.

Grahame Bacon is a good supporter with his display of Blacksmith and Wheelwrights tools. Fred Rudd and Graham Douglas brought along the trusty 1954 Steed and Bautz 1953 PS12. Malcolm Bush was of course showing John Deere items from the 80's with his rotavator and lawn edger but also his



John Deere Hip & Miss stationary engine.

David Mycock displayed his 1948 Farmall model M up on the hill. Steven Hall and Vanessa Green, both brought us a 1960 Trojan, one was a model I and the other a Model 3. Ivan Smith and son Dean brought along a couple of nice Allis Chalmers; the list goes on. (Allis Chalmers and Hart Parr is the main theme for the 2023 Stradsett Rally. To see all our photos, go to the out & about page at NVTEC-EA)

We were made very welcome again this year as



all exhibitors got free entry to the museum, free food and drinks which was very much appreciated by all. This year we also had all the cars up with us and the ex-military so people had plenty to walk around and look at. Down in the car park was an excellent display of buses and steam engines. There was entertainment in the main building and plenty going on all round.

By the children's play area was a good display of running stationary engines so from a visiting point of view, I am not sure what more you could ask for, thoroughly a great day out for all. Thank you to Andrew Wailing and Thursford for inviting us, thanks to all the members who supported us and thanks to the public for coming to see us.

Gordon Carson - NVTEC-EA



Vintage Horticultural & Garden Machinery Working Day



This will be our 13th 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 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.

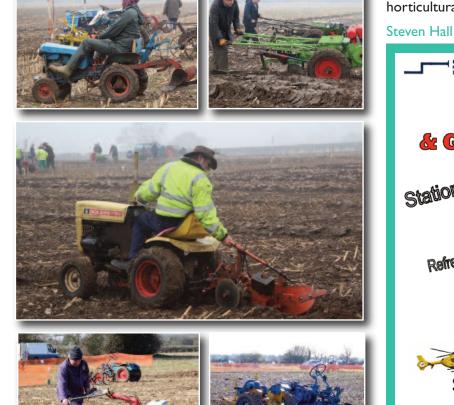


We welcome all ages old and new but we do try and encourage the older vintage machines as that is why we started the event back in 2009

This year we welcome back wycomb pastures petting farm which was a family favourite. 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.

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As we are all aware horticultural ploughing is changing and we are seeing more compact tractors of all sizes, most of witch are over 40 years old.

NVTEC-EA Working Weekend





Each year in early September, the NVTEC-EA group have a working weekend. The idea is to give our club members the opportunity to try out any machines or implements they have recently purchased or if you have simply rebuilt an engine and just want to put it through some hard work to help run it in and test it out. The club has been running this event for many years and it seems to get better and better each year.

This year, David Mycock with the help of his family and close friends again organised and ran the event for the club with very kind permission from Mr Hugh Mason. This year all the proceeds again was going to the Moth in a China Shop charity. David and Claire organised a singer for



some entertainment on the Friday night and the lady was a very good singer so well done to them for organising that. I popped over the Friday night but as usual they had it all in hand. I arrived back on the Saturday morning to set up a small club stand with a couple of static tractors. I took Our John Deere 1944 Model B R and our 1917 Fordson Model F that was owned by the late David Bretton.



There were concerns over the dryness and hardness of the field but the recent rain seemed to solve the problem, in fact the ground seemed to work well. This was the first time I ran and drove the 1917 Model F with help from Dean and



Ivan Smith to start it for the first time. Barry Ayres brought the other steel wheeled tractor, an International Titan 10-20 and it ran as sweet as a sewing machine all day.

Jim and Mel Wakefield were trying out their John Deere Model L with single furrow trailed plough. Ashley and Peter Kidd were both ploughing







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We thank everybody for their help and support, between the entry fee and raffle, we raised over $\pounds 2,000$ for the Moth in a China Shop so a big thank you for all who helped and donated raffle prizes. You can see all my photos at www.nytec-ea.org.uk

Gordon Carson NVTEC-EA

with an E27N. Peter Thorpe was trying out his latest purchase being a Ford 3000 with a Ransome 2 furrow plough. Terry Myhill was just showing off with his John Deere 4755 and his 6 furrow reversible plough, its hard to believe this is a 1994 tractor, what a machine.

Peter Caley was enjoying working on his Nuffield BMC Diesel. Ivan's son was happily ploughing with their little grey Fergi and I have a picture which Ivan kindly gave me of our David Brown on a thrashing machine and this grey Fergi on the cart, we must get a picture of them together at our 2024 rally.



THE NATIONAL VINTAGE TRACTOR & CLUB EAST ANGLIA GROUP DONATES AN AMAZING £21,659.56 TO LOCAL CHARITIES AT AGM.



the public and is very well attended and has something for all the family so don't miss our 2023 event on Sunday 30th April and Monday 1st May 2023. From the 2022 event, we donated £18,000.00 with 50% going to the EAAA and the other 50% being split equally between 5 other local charities. Our last event of the year is our working weekend where our members get to try out the Veteran, Vintage and Classic tractors and horticultural equipment. This is a very popular event and is held at Hall Farm, Fincham in early September each year. This year we raised £2,019.56 for the Moth in a China Shop charity. The AGM went well, and the club is in a very good position for 2023. Thanks to all those who supported these events either by volunteering, exhibiting, or visiting. Let's do it all bigger and better in 2023, thank you all.

On Thursday evening of the 17th November 2022 at the Ryston Park Golf Club, the NVTEC-EA group held their AGM. This year without the Covid pandemic cancelling events, we had three very successful events. Firstly, we held our Charity Road Run in early April raising $\pounds 1,640.00$ for the East Anglia Air Ambulance (EAAA).

We then held our main event of the year, the Stradsett Park Vintage Rally held on the first May Bank Holiday each year. This event is open to



Massey Ferguson's at Newark Show

Spotted at the Newark Tractor Show in November where three beautifully resorted North American classis Massey Ferguson Tractors.



MF Super 90, was produced from 1961 to 1965. This tractor had the option of a Perkins 4.302 diesel engine producing 77 hp or a Continental 4L petrol engine. It also had a independent hydraulic PTO, it weighed in 3280 kg. Some came to the UK for evaluation and one was known to stay in Lincolnshire and worked there for many years, it was later sold at a Cheffins sale for restoration.



MT 97, this model was sourced from the Minneapolis Moline to fill a gap in the MF product line for high horsepower tractors. It has an unusual engine made up of three blocks of two cylinders producing 112 hp from its 8.3L, it weighed in at 3690 kg. It was on sale from \$6940, sales peaked at 1750 in 1962 it was withdrawn from sale in 1965.



MF 1150, it was built from 1970 to 1972, considered to be a huge tractor at the time it was powered by a Perkins AV8, 510 engine producing 144 hp with a weight of over 5000 kg. It had the luxury of power brakes, power steering, power clutch and power seat. It has a price tag of \$14,000. This model was never officially offered in the UK.



Newark Show also hosted an event to mark the 50th anniversary of the MF 1200 articulated 4WD tractor. This was a very unusual design to the British farmers. It was built at Barton Dock factory in Manchester and was powered by a Perkins 6.354 engine producing 105 hp and weighed around 5 1/2 tons, 2232 were made between 1972 and 1979. It was then replaced by the MF 1250. A fantastic range was on show with original and restored tractors on display.

Reg Fletcher - NVTEC-EA

Registering Your Vintage Tractor

In the last vaporing magazine John Porter wrote an article regarding registering your vintage tractor. Sadly he did not come across too clear and may have caused a bit of confusion. In order to take your vintage tractor to a rally such as Stradsett you must have road traffic act insurance, but you can obtain this by giving the tractor serial number, you do not need to have it registered with the DVLA. Of course the fact you have road traffic act insurance does not allow you to go on the road/highway for this you will require a registration number. I.E., number plate.

Gordon Carson -NVTEC-EA

MATCHLESS SILVER STREAK



The AJS Silver Streak was a British motorcycle launched in 1938 and described in the sales brochure as the 'aristocrats of the motor-cycle world'. Produced with a choice of 250 cc, 350 cc and 500 cc engines, the Silver Streaks were super sport machines with a special polished finish and hand tuned engines. As many parts as possible were specially chrome plated, including the mudguards, headlamp, fork links, front and rear chain cases, oil and petrol tanks and even the tool-box.



The Silver Streak had high ground clearance and a substantial crankcase shield which made it a good competition motorcycle. A low bottom gear made it useful for cross country and close ratios made it a fast road bike.

Shaun Loveday - Paradise Garage Motorcycles



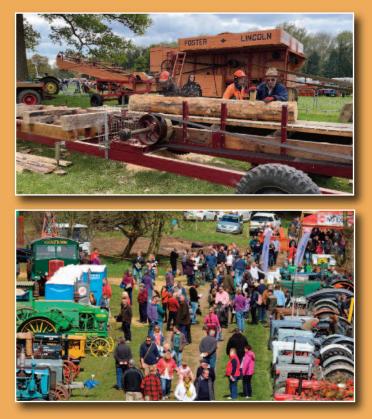
Full steam ahead for the 2023 Stradsett Park Vintage Rally

Preparations are all underway for the 2023 Stradsett Park Vintage Rally to be held at Stradsett Park over the May Bank Holiday Weekend Sunday 30th April and Monday 1st May. The show is organised by the National Vintage Tractor and Engine Club East Anglia group and the show has been running for well over 40 years. Our 2022 rally raised an amazing £18,000 for local charities and that's a credit to the show, all the volunteers and of course the paying public attending.

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, mini tractor pulling 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. New for 2023 is our craft tent so do have a look around.

Don't miss this great day out on Sunday 30th April and Monday 1st May 2023, book online by visiting our website www.nvtec-ea.org.uk or pay cash on the gate. Adults are just $\pounds 10$ and children under 16 are free. All entry proceeds will be split and donated to East Anglia Air Ambulance and five other local charities voted by our NVTEC-EA members. Thank you all for your kind support.

Gordon Carson and the NVTEC-EA committee.



Sandringham Game & Country Fayre 2022



The 2022 Sandringham Game & Country Fayre was due to take place over the weekend of the 10th and 11th September, but sadly due to the death of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on Thursday 8th September, the show was cancelled. Ironically, we were on Queen Elizabeth way at King's Lynn on the way to Sandringham estate at 6.30pm with the caravan when the news came on the radio.

Amazingly, they managed to reschedule for Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th October so hats off to Living Heritage and all their helpers. This year due to the sad loss of Keith Raynes, Craig and Lorraine were our stewards and they did us all proud. I was being a bit lazy as we were at the Norwich show the weekend before with the Case 12-20, so I kept this on the lorry to show for this weekend. The Case was built in 1929 and is a model 12-20 cross motor. We have had this tractor some 15 years but have only ever taken it out to static/indoor shows. Therefore, this was the first time driving it around a rally field, so I had a bit to learn about this tractor.



The show is of course a country fayre and not a vintage rally, so it makes a change at the end of the rally season as you do get a lot of different trade stands to what we get at the vintage rallies. However, the tractor, horticultural, stationary engines and steam section get their own ring to play in so it is generally a good weekend.

I also took Allan Whiteman's Massey Ferguson FE35 gold with a cab, this lovely little 1958 tractor fitted nicely in the back of my box lorry. Allan is one of our committee members and its always good to be able to help others out.



Dean Smith brought a very nice Allis Chalmers - Allis Chalmers and Oliver Hart Parr being the theme for the 2023 Stradsett Park Vintage rally to be held on April 30th and May Ist. Peter Thorpe was enjoying parading Malcolm Bush's 1942 John Deere Model L with side finger mower.





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display. I do like looking around the ex-military and they always put on a good display. The horticultural section seems to grow with some very nice exhibits. Mrs Michelle Curtis on their Ford LGT14D built in 1985, Will Kendall on a 1947 Plowmate BMB conversion and David Buttriss on his three Ransoms 1936 MG2, 1944 MG5 and 1966 MG6, this is just a few of them. The weather was very kind to us once we got over the early Saturday morning so all in all a very good weekend.

On Saturday I paraded Simon Kerr's little Bonser Truck K3015T built around 1985, which is a lovely little thing. There was a good display of stationary engines but not as many as normal. These are lovely to look around with many different working exhibits with them. One very original looking



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engine was a Tom Thumb I HP built by the International Harvester Co in 1914. This lovely looking engine was advertised as Tom Thumb Famous air-cooled gasoline engine. The steam engine line was also a bit thinner than normal with only the Smith and Waling family there with full size engines.

There was also a good display of vintage and classic cars with a nice line up and as always, the ex-military put on their



THE NATIONAL VINTAGE TRACTOR AND ENGINE CLUB RAISE MONEY FOR CHILDREN'S WARD



Each year at our December club meeting, we have a secret Santa and all funds raised go to the Rudham Ward at The Queen Elizabeth Hospital King's Lynn. This year, it was even closer to my heart, although I was away, my 4-year-old granddaughter Macey Carson was having her tonsils removed on the day of the meeting (15th December). All seemed to go well until Tuesday 20th December when Macey had a bleed and was taken back into hospital for an emergency procedure under general anaesthetic. Macey's bleed had to be cauterised gaining her a certificate for bravery. This type of thing is going on everyday

and despite the nurses strikes in some hospitals, Macey was looked after and treated swiftly and safely within a few hours. The club raised

 ± 101.00 at the meeting but I have personally made this up to ± 200.00 and on behalf of the club, thanks to all the nurses and doctors throughout the country, they all do such an amazing job. Thanks also to all who support the meeting and donated to the secret Santa.



Out of The Blue

From a phone call I received on the 9th January this year enquiring how and who to contact the Organiser of the Stradsett Rally. I then was excited when the callers conversation changed direction and asked if I was busy with anything at the moment, as he wanted to clear and reorganise one of his farm yards. The biggest problem was a County P50 Crawle that needed to be got working so as it could be sold. This was music to my ears as I have always thought I would love to own one since spending many hours riding on the bench seat with the driver of a county crawler when I was a small infant living on a farm at Newton.



Well things have moved on a pace and I have discovered the crawler was parked up in the farm shed around 1982. Though the water had been drained out this has been her resting place for some 40yrs. After some serious coaching with replenished oil, water, fuel and a tweek or two with the electrics, a sniff of ether and a cough and sputter and away she went.



The next thing would it drive and steer as unlike wheel tractors there is no steering wheel as this operation is performed be levers and steering clutches. So with owner on the

board fingers crossed a gear was engaged and away she went, with plenty of room to maneuver the steering clutches were tried, also the brakes which all appear to be working well. So back in the shed where one or two small issues did occur and are being rectified.



After working a few days with the crawlers owner a deal is looking good and Shouldham Workshop and Machinery Stable looks to be getting a new stable mate, hopefully County P50 crawler will be on show at Stradsett.

Peter Thorpe

TRIUMPH TIGER 100

The first Tiger 100 was made in 1939, however the Triumph factory was destroyed in 1940 by German bombing during World War II and so production was stopped until 1946. After this time several variants were manufactured up until 1973. The Tiger 100 was lighter and more powerful than the speed twin and was developed as a sports machine with 100 referring to the claimed top speed in miles per hour. The Tiger 100 featured forged alloy pistons, one of the first uses of that kind of technology and the cylinders were forged into single 8 stud casting as opposed to the Speed twin 6. The Tiger 100 used the single amal carburettor. Early production bikes had rigid frames and girder front ends. After the war when Triumph had recovered and began production

again, the Tiger 100 reappeared with new telescopic front forks and in 1951 gained close finned alloy cylinder barrels. At this time Factory race kits became available for independent races and in 1953, the fully race kitted Tiger 100C was made available, although only 560 were made. In 1954 The rear suspension was updated incorporating the first rear swinging arm in the model. In 1959 the last of the pre-unit was produced and in 1960 a complete redesign was undertaken and the new unit style was introduced as the Tiger 100A. A long line of T100SS, T100C and T100R were produced during the 60s, with many being exported to the US. The Daytona variant was continued up until 1973.



Shaun Loveday - Paradise Garage Motorcycles



Well another Christmas has passed by and I send my best wishes to you all for the remainder of this year.

Our Club organised our usual Christmas get together at Ryston Golf Club where Peter Thorpe organised a slide show on vintage equipment. We had our Secret Santa which Wayne had originally organised but has now been carried on by my dear wife and helped by Claire Mycock and family. A total of $\pounds 102$ was raised on the night for the Childrens' Ward at Kings Lynn, this was slightly down on last year due to adverse weather conditions that stopped some members attending. Thanks though to all the gifts donated, very generous. The Golf Club arranged for us to have a buffet with the best sausage rolls ever and a copious amount of Christmas cake that David Mycock was keen to share with all!!!!

Here's to a successful year in the coming months.

Henry Howlett

Hello Everyone, I'm your new membership secretary and would like to say 'Hello' to you all. Hope you are all keeping well and are looking forward to a busy 2023 rally season where hopefully I will get to meet many of you. I would just like to say a big thank you to Wayne for his continued support with the transition of membership paperwork who has guided me along the way for the last couple of months. Memberships are continuing to arrive daily and would like to take this opportunity to remind anyone who has not renewed, to do so. If a renewal form is needed, you can download one from the NVTEC-EA website. Just a reminder to include a Stamped Addressed Envelope with your renewal form to enable your membership cards to be returned to you.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

I would also like to add that we are now able to take Bank Transfer payments and will soon be able to take card payments, which will hopefully make it easier for some people to make payment. If you would like to make payment via BACS, then please do contact me and I will provide details for you. The forms next year will reflect these changes of payment methods, so please do bear with us during this transition period.

Lastly, could you all please let me know of any changes in personal details (change of address, phone number, email etc) so that I can keep membership details up to date.

Thank you all and look forward to seeing you at the rallies. **Claire** (Membership Secretary)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Ace C – 20th March Dylan W – 20th April Jacob M – 28th April Stanley H – 29th April Sophie M – 22nd May Albert C – 24th May

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)

THURSFORD GALA DAY SUNDAY 2ND JULY 2023

The third Thursford Gala Day is to be held on Sunday 2nd July from 11am. The NVTEC-EA has again been asked to support this event by putting on a vintage display.

If you would like to attend on the stand, please give me a call for an entry form on 01945 880091, 07860 658767 or email stradsett@nvtec-ea.org.uk. Or just go to the www.nvtec-ea.org.uk web site and download a form.

NEW FOR 2023

Stradsett Park Vintage Rally will have a new indoor craft tent for 2023. This rally is held over the bank holiday weekend, Sunday 30th April and Monday 1st May 2023. You will need to provide your own tables, chairs, gazebos if required and there is no electricity.

To request an entry form, please call or email Gordon on 07860 658767 / stradsett@nvtec.ea.org.uk or you can visit www.nvtec.ea.org.uk and download a form on the 'Stradsett rally' page.

Vintage Tractor

Charity Road Run



DIARY DATES

Club Meeting at Ryston Park Golf Club Thursday 16th March - Martin Dickson Talk - Details TBC

Charity Road Run - Walpole Highway

Sunday 2nd April - Leaving from Fence Bank, Walpole Highway as usual. Please contact Gordon for an entry form.

Stradsett Park Vintage Rally

Sunday 30th April & Monday 1st May - If you would like to be apart from the NVTEC-EA Club Stand, please contact Gordon in the new year to confirm.

Carrington Steam & Heritage Rally

Sunday 28th and Monday 29th May NVTEC-EA will have a club stand as usual, please contact Gordon for an entry form.

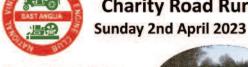
Thursford Truly Unique Club Stand Sunday 2nd July 2023

Working Weekend

Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd September Hall Farm, Fincham, PE33 9DQ For Entry forms and further into please contact the organiser David Mycock 01366 500879 or 07977 337095

> **Club Stand at Newark Vintage Tractor & Heritage Show**

Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th November Please contact Gordon Carson if you wish to attend as part of the members club stand



Based at Walpole Highway 10 am for 10.30am Start

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



Sponsorship Forms Contact David Askew 01945 430481 Gordon Carson 01945 880091 Or Download Them From www.nvtec-ea.org.uk

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



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