



VINTAGE TORQUE

PRESERVING THE PAST FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

Stradsett Vintage Rally 2024

Congratulations to all the volunteers, helpers, organisers and Gordon, what an achievement, three glorious days, great crowds and a very successful show. We will forget the heavy rain of Friday, the towing, the mud and the worry. When Saturday dawned it was just the opposite, warmer, dryer, sunnier and the smile on peoples faces said it all. How the club organised the weather we will never know, but you managed to defy the forecast and we all got out in the dry, fantastic.

This years themes were very successful, was it 27 or 28 Turner Yeoman of England tractors, a world record, smashing the previous gathering of 17 tractors. Well done Gordon and Bryan for their tractor to be judged the best of the bunch.

The other theme, David Brown, was very popular with many different models representing the life cycle of the David Brown tractor production.

We must say very well done to Ashly Kidd for his 1932 Interim Fordson, which stole the show.

The 50th celebration rally must be considered a great success. We look forward to 2025 and wish Jack and Annie every success with their first show. I am sure they will receive the same help that Gordon has had.

Thank you all for a very enjoyable weekend.

The West Family

50 YEARS OF INVOLVEMENT WITH THE CLUB



Malcolm cut the grass at the first rally when he was 30 years old with a borrowed tractor and mower on a site in King's Lynn which is now Bepak and he has been involved with the club ever since.

The club held rallies at other site before finally settling at Stradsett park with kind permission from the Bagg family and here he is again cutting the grass in preparation for the 50th anniversary rally.

13 YEARS AS RALLY ORGANISER

A thousand thank yous to Gordon for the incredible job you have done for the last 13 years, your time and dedication to the rally has led it to be the huge success it is today. Glad to hear you will continue to support the club and stay as a member of the committee and organiser of club stands at other events.



The sun shines on our working weekend

Over the first weekend of September, the NVTEC-EA hold their annual working weekend. This was again held on Mr and Mrs Mason's land at Fincham on the 2nd and 3rd September and we thank them kindly.

After a fairly miserable rally season, it was finally nice to see some good weather. This year David Mycock, along with family and friends, was again in charge and the event seems to grow year upon year. If we could have ordered the weather, I don't think we would have asked for it to be so good, what a weekend. We get fantastic support for all our club events, and we thank you all, we really do appreciate the work, cost and dedication you all put in year after year.

Dean Smith was trying out their 1939 Allis Chalmers Model B on full steel wheels, working a Ransome's TS42 single furrow trailed plough. Ivan Smith was trying out the new addition, a 1939 John Deere Model L fitted with a single furrow, John Deere mounted plough. Peter Thorpe was on his lovely looking 1958 Fordson County Ploughman P50 with a 2-furrow trailed plough, whilst Terry Myhill was making the job look very easy with his John Deere 4755. This 1994 tractor seems so modern,



yet it is nearly 30 years old, pulling a 6-furrow reversible plough. Reg Fletcher is also no stranger to a bit of ploughing and very happily worked his John Deere 2040 and his 3-furrow reversible plough. Both these two have supported and continue to support our club year in and year out. It was great to be able to get 3 E27Ns all working together, what a treat. Ashley Kidd led the line with his 1948 Fordson E27N and Peter Kidd followed with his 1947 Fordson E27N. Ashley's partner followed the line up with a 1946 Fordson E27N, all pulling trailed ploughs, it was a real treat to watch.



Malcolm Bush was working his Fordon E27N but with a 2-furrow mounted plough. Malcolm restored this tractor back in 1976 but he remembers it stood in King's showroom on Southgate's King's Lynn in late 1947 and was new to the farm in January 1948.



1947 was the year of the big snow where it snowed from the end of January for 7 weeks and then once the snow melted, the riverbanks at Shouldham burst their banks and the fenland fields were flooded. Peter Caley was trying out a rare and unusual duck foot rotator which was supplied by MJF from

Dunsford in Surrey and it was doing a fair job behind his Massey Ferguson 690. One of the oldest tractors there and one of the rarest was Darren and Allen Creasey's Moline Twin City with pneumatic tyres and trailed plough. Dave Buttriss was working his 1959 MG40 and Ransome trailed plough. Another great sight was the 4 Caterpillars all working





together with a variety of mounted and trailed ploughs. These 4 just looked stunning and you really must give them credit. The work and cost of getting them all there, let alone the fuel for the weekend, is not a cheap hobby to plough somebody else's field. It was just a beautiful morning, they were going great, looking great and sounding great. There were also some awning



displays, stationary engines, catering and a very large raffle. Over the weekend £2,420.00 was raised for the charity, Moth in a China Shop, so very well done to all involved.

Gordon Carson - NVTEC-EA

COLIN'S BALE LOADER



Colin Holwell will be a familiar site and sound to many attending rallies around the country, for he regularly provides an informed and entertaining commentary on the tractor entries. Colin also penned the popular book on


David Brown products 'David Brown tractors, A British legend' Here there we go back a few years to when Colin was an active farmer who like many farmers sort ways to improve the efficiency of his working practices. Where as many would make simple modifications or build at one off machine. Colin took things a lot further by patenting his invention, getting it into small scale production and featuring it in the farming press.

In the late 1950s Colin realised that whilst square bales could be dealt with reasonably efficiently there was nothing produced to handle the round bales form by the Alice Chalmers Roto Baler manufacture at the nearby Essendine factory, the only effective way was pitchfork them individually onto the trailer. Colin invented a simple yet effective device to load the bales which cut labour costs - two men could now do the same amount of work as three. Built mainly out of angle iron the loader uses a hydraulic ram - operated by the tractor driver from the driving seat - to grab and lift the bales, the first part of the action closing the jaws and the second part lifting the bale, after releasing the bale springs return the arm to the ground and open the jaws, the whole cycle taking just ten seconds.

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Weeting Steam Engine Rally and Country Show



The annual Weeting Steam Rally was held over the 14th, 15th and 16th July 2023 and how different the weather could be to the year before. In 2022 we were baking in temperatures of 40

degrees and 2023 it was raining and blowing a gale. The very first rally took place back in 1968 started by Richard Parrott who today is the Rally Chairman. The show like many has grown over the years and is now a very large event. Before moving on I would like to give Stephen Proctor another mention who sadly passed away on the 6th June 2023. Stephen helped with the tractor section at Weeting for over 20 years and had been attending since the age of 11, he is sadly missed by many.



reconditioned magneto, reconditioned carburettor, new radiator core, new fuel tank and relined brakes. We would like a new pair of rear tyres, but they are an odd size so hard to find. This won us a trophy for 'Best in Show' so very pleased. Funny enough we won best in show before at a different show with this tractor.

The Harrington Family from Brandon won our 'Supreme Windows Shield' donated some years ago, with their Ford 7810 1990 Reg H363 DJF. Peter and Ashley Kidd won the 'Challenge Cup for Tractors up to 1935' with their 1924 Fordson Model F looking very nice.

John Crowder was part of the harvesting section with his 1951 Turner 2B Yeoman of England working his great looking Silver Queen combine - what an outfit.

Joe Fuller was in a world of his own working his 1950 Allis Chalmers roto baler being pulled by his E27N. Robert Pratt was trying out his Ransoms Sims & Jefferies

pick up Baler being pulled by a Ford 1966 4000 with trailer behind for collection, all going very well. The Baler had been on his neighbour's farm from new and he purchased it back in 2001. This proudly won



Weeting is very well known for its large display of steam with around 100 steam engines attending. The ex-military always have a good display here and I do enjoy looking around them. Ros and Judy were in charge of the tractor section this year with over 130 tractors on display. We took along the 1961 International B275, this has been owned from new by my good friend's dad and was supplied with the cream/white wheels being one of the last built. It spent its life in Walpole St Peter in Norfolk and we purchased it back in 2012 and it has now been fully

Robert the 'Proctor Family Cup' so very well done to all the trophy winners.

Trevor Williams was displaying one of his model T vehicles - this being a 1917 Ford Model T tow truck, registration BF-5330 and was certainly a bit different. It is fitted with solid rubber rear tyres, toolbox, fuel can, and a Watford milometer made by North & Sons Ltd Watford & London, simple but effective I should imagine. I did have to get a photo of myself with number 8 in the traction engine line. This was a Burrell 6N HP called 'Sir Gordon' (that has a ring to it don't you think) this was built back in 1905, new to W.G Loxley of Surrey and subsequently owned by the Lugg family of Billingshurst Sussex.



This won the 'John & Hazel Harrison Tractor challenge plaque'. I knew John very well so was pleased to receive this shield. We also took along the 1944 John Deere Model BR, this petrol/TVO tractor was purchased from Cheffins back in 2007 where it has been fully restored with new liners, rings, valves and gliders,

The engine was bombed in the war and sat in the yard until 2003, when sold to John Bush from Cardiff. Michael Lugg completed the renovation in 2016 but sadly, John never got to see



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the engine completed. Current owners purchased the engine in October 2018 it had never been rallied until 2019.

Once the rain cleared away, by Saturday morning it wasn't a bad weekend as 2023 went. My old friend Graham Alcock was displaying at the rally for the first time with his 1970 Royal Enfield Bullet Classic Motorcycle. There was a good

amount of paying public attending over the 3 days, so I hope they did well enough to continue with the show.

Thanks to all involved and all who helped put on a show for us all to attend.

Gordon Carson - NVTEC-EA

YORK CASTLE MUSEUM - HOW THE DIFFERENT CLASSES LIVE

On a wet day in York we decided to explore the castle museum. You could easily spend a whole day looking at the different exhibits in the museum, one section is devoted to a mock up of a Victorian street, lots of the shops had people inside explaining the skills of the time.

In a separate part of the building there are extensive displays of artefacts and pictures from the first and second world wars, including mock up from first world war trench warfare.

There was also a mock up of 2 rooms showing the difference between the rich and poor in Victorian times.



Diary of a Moorland Woman.

Life on the moors is hard work. Me, John and three little ones are all in one room with the rest of our little cottage needed for the livestock. I suppose I can't complain, we've got everything we need which is more than some can say. Our bed is good and solid. It's been in my family for years, and we were lucky that it was passed down to me along with some other bits of furniture. I've brought a few ornaments and some pictures. They're nothing fancy but I think they brighten up the place.

Diary of a Victorian Lady.

It has been almost three months since we moved here. I have had such fun decorating the parlour, the best room in our house. Factory mass production is making luxury affordable for all of us now, and I have filled the room with fashionable furnishings, ornaments and all sorts of knick-knacks. Charles says it looks a bit crowded, but that's all the fashion now.

We can still only afford one servant, a maid of all works. She does well with all the heavy work considering she is only 15.



In all a brilliant day out.

Reg Fletcher - NVTEC-EA

A Trundle Over the Downs



The National Vintage Tractor Road Run has been going since 1985, although it had to be cancelled for Foot and Mouth disease and Covid, therefore this was the 35th run held on Easter Sunday as usual.

We have participated in eleven runs before this year, from Cornwall, Wales, Lancashire, Cheshire, Cambridgeshire and Norfolk. Sussex was our first one in 1998.

This year the run was organised by the South East Vintage Agricultural Club. Over the years several groups of the N.V.T.E.C. have organised the run. All of the runs we have done have been well organised and friendly events.

This year 260 tractors were listed in the programme. In the past we have seen over 400, but of course there are many, many more road runs organised throughout the country for people to take part in than there were.

The starting place was Plumpton Agricultural College in the village of Plumpton, East Sussex. At 10 am we were all parked up in the college car park, most tractors had been driven to the start on the road being local enough to allow this. We were 100 miles from home so trailed our tractors, a 1958 Fordson Dexta and a 1962 Massey Ferguson 35 with a 4-cylinder petrol/paraffin engine. One of very few TVO tractors on the run. Others had travelled much further, with several from Scotland, Wales and the Boarder Counties, but none we could see from East Anglia.

The route went off road straight away, up a single track lane for a couple of miles onto the top of the South Downs.



Running along the downs through farm yards and farm tracks before descending into civilisation, crossing the A27 and passing the

Brighton and Hove football stadium, rising again on the highway towards Brighton before turning left onto the South Downs Way. A public footpath/cycle way across the top of the Downs, occasionally the sea comes into view on the right in the distance. Rising to a height of over 800 feet above sea level the views were outstanding.

It was surprising how much water was laying on the track as the Downs are solid chalk. We jogged along for some miles before coming to a halt at the end of a long queue. The recent weather had come into play, the intended route was not going to stand 260 tractors turning up the ground in a narrow gateway. An alternative route had to be used as planned but this entailed a steep decent, like a 1 in 4 bank, but fortunately on a hard roadway, taking us down off the tops. Clearly this was a challenge for



some drivers creating the queue.

On through another farm yard and out onto the public highway for a short distance before going off road again toward the halfway stop. We had our lunch whilst queueing so only stopped for the loo before proceeding on the highway toward the town of Lewes. We had been looking down on the town from the top where it looked like a model village. We were now in the main street, much of which had been closed off for our benefit. Passing the railway station and up hill to the traffic lights, fortunately they were on green, through the one way system, passed the brewery and off out of town, non stop, very well organised.

The sun was out, so were crowds of people waving and cheering. The nominated charity were out with their buckets collecting up donations. After Lewes we travelled north and then west through the villages of Barcombe, Cooksbridge and Hamsey, returning to the college at Plumpton about 4pm, by which time the tractors that were running at the front of the column had left for home.

All in all a very enjoyable day out in dry if not cool weather. We hope that the nominated charity, The Chailey Heritage Foundation, receive a handsome donation from the efforts of all the organisers and stewards who provided sterling service and made the day go so well. Thanks to all of them.

The Chailey Heritage Foundation provide care and facilities for children with neuro disabilities. A worthy reason for us all to enjoy a day in East Sussex.

The West Family from Canterbury, Kent



DIARY DATES

Sunday 16th June

Vintage Tractor Road Run

Set of at 10am. Roger Coe, Manor Farm, Grimston
Norfolk, PE32 1BG Tel: 07739 892141

Sunday 7th July 2024

Thursford Gala Day

Saturday 31st August and Sunday 1st September

Working Weekend

Hall Farm, Fincham, PE33 9DQ

All proceeds raised go to 'Moth in a China Shop'
For Entry forms and further into please contact the
organiser David Mycock 01366 500879 or 07977 337095

Thursday 19th September - First winter meeting
at Ryston Park Golf Club

Talk from Norfolk Essential Oils

Colibri motorcar by the Norddeutsche Automobil-
Werke, about 1907 - At York Castle museum.



This car was built in Hameln, Germany, by one of the major automobile manufacturers of the age. It has a 860cc engine and a three speed gearbox with reverse.

On the windscreen is an Automobile Association (AA) badge, number 9892. The AA was originally formed in 1905 as a cyclist patrol to help motorists avoid police speed traps, offering insurance policies from 1907. By 1914, the AA had 83,000 members.

OBITUARY:

BASIL HENRY DAVID WHITING

December 1934 – April 2024



Basil lived all his life in and around Grimston and married to Pam. On leaving school he worked at lodge farm Roydon learning and driving Case LA and DC tractors, later going on to work for E.C. Longmates of Terrington St. John as a sales Rep. And advisor for their wood preserving business.

Basil had become a good friend of David Grimes a historian and collector of all kind of local countryside memorabilia. Basil along with David in 1974 were to become some of the founder members of the newly formed National Vintage Tractor & Engine Club - East Anglia. In the summer of 1974 the newly formed club held their first rally at North Lynn Industrial Estate, Basil entered a Fairbanks Morse 1 1/2Hp stationery engine and this was the beginning of an interest and hobby that was to grow. During Basils time working for E.C. Longmates he would have visited many old farm buildings and barns were he would have seen many old pieces of farm machinery disguardred in the backs of sheds and nettles of farm yards. This inspired him to start collecting cast iron seats and name plates which he would clean and restore for display. Basil was to become well known for his display of old cast iron tractor seats and machinery and plaques as he and Pam visited rallies up and down the country.

Basil never forgot his roots and remembering his early years of working on the farm, until a few years ago when Basil's health became cause for concern he would roll up on his lovely old Fordson Super Dexta and support his friend Roger Coe on a tractor road run to raise funds for St. Botolphs Church in Grimston.

To bring this obituary of Basil Whiting to a close I am sure there were many memories of Basil and Pam at the Golden anniversary weekend of the National Vintage Tractor & Engine Club East Anglia of which they would have been a big part.



Peter Thorpe



WORKING WEEKEND & PLOUGHING MATCH



Saturday 31st August and Sunday
1st September 2024

Hall Farm, Fincham, PE33 9DQ

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All proceeds raised to go to **Moth in a China Shop**
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Thursford Gala Day – Truly Unique



The annual Thursford Gala Day has become a date to add on our calendar. Andrew Wailing looks after our section and treats us very well and the day gets better each year. The 2023 show was held on Sunday 2nd July, and we were given our same lovely central position. On the gala day, the museum is open which in itself is very impressive, let alone all the exhibitors such as us and with a large children's play area, there really is something for all the family. The 2024 Gala Day will be held on Sunday 7th July and the entry forms are out on our website for members to download or give me a call and I will send you one out - Gordon Carson (07860 658767).

As usual, myself, Allan and Ted arrived around 8am to get set up. Once the gazebos were set up we then got Ted's petrol can display set up, these always make a superb back drop to any display. Ted started collecting these petrol cans over 20 years ago when he brought his first 10 from Mick Thorpe from Spalding. This got his collection



started and as you can see it has grown over the past 20 years to a fantastic display.

I took along the 1919 Heider D9-16 friction drive, just a beautiful looking tractor, starts, runs, and drives very well. This spent its life in a sawmill, and I just love this old machine. Craig Kite brought his Bautz 1953, Fred Rudd was showing his Trusty 1954 and Malcolm Mycock brought along his 1953 Oxford MO. This has had an engine rebuild, undersealed, and reupholstered with all new seats and carpets. It is fitted with a 1500cc side valve petrol engine and column change gear stick, very nice, Malcolm has owned this car for some 12 years. Ivan Smith was showing a rare 1950 Trusty Stead MK2, nice machine and something a bit different. Malcolm Bush brought us a John Deere display of an engine, rotavator and lawn edger. Terry Myhill came along on

inviting us. Looking forward to doing it all again this year.



his 1967 International 634 that is a very nice looking tractor but now in new ownership as Terry has a dispersal sale in October.



Paul and Wendy came all the way from East Sussex to put on a display of horticulture equipment, always a good display. Ian and Jacqueline Thompson brought along something a bit different this year, their display was 20 or so chainsaws and literature. We had 3 lovely old Allis Chalmers up on the hill which made a superb show. 3 grey Fergusons and one grey Gold, an old Dexter, wheel horse and a display of old lawn mowers. Neil Ayres brought us a Fordson 1943 RAF industrial. We also had a David Brown 950, hopefully we will see it at Stradsett next year for our clubs 50th year celebrations. David Brown and Turner are the main tractor themes.



There were plenty of other old cars, ex-military, stationary engines, old buses and a real good selection of steam engines in the main car park. We were treated in the afternoon to an aerial display, possibly a bit windy but they certainly entertained us. You can see all my photos of the day on our 'out and about' page on the NVTEC-EA website.

Thank you for all support in 2023 and to Andrew Wailing and Thursford for



Gordon Carson
NVTEC-EA

Lincoln Steam and Vintage Rally

The 36th Lincolnshire Steam and Vintage rally was held over the weekend of 19th and 20th August 2023 at the Lincoln County Showground. I have been attending for some 20 years and the tractor steward is well known Graham Morley who also judges at Stradsett for us. The show has pretty much kept the same layout for as long as I can remember. This year it felt like the exhibitors' numbers were down and it could have done with a tweak here and there. I suppose me having a very bad knee that weekend didn't help as I noticed the amount I had to walk. Anyway, I do love this show, I think the public attendance was a bit down, but it was the women's football world cup final so to be expected. I am always envious of the showgrounds with the hard roadways, on site facilities, acres of exhibitors camping and on site buildings.

I took along the 1954 Massey Harris 33, this has a 4-cylinder straight petrol engine with 12-volt electric start and lights, just luxury. This is a fully restored lovely tractor and was purchased from the Gary Cooper sale on Saturday 30th September 2017. We also took along the 1943 Allis Chalmers model C on steel wheels, no electric start on this one, my son Andrew is pictured taking this around the ring. This was part of the Paul Rackham collection. The Model C was introduced in 1940 and was a tricycle version of the famous lightweight Model B. There is always a good display of tractors at Lincoln, but you just don't get too many old steels wheeled ones. Mr Crowder was there with his 1938 Fordson N road roller that you would not want on your toe.

Neville Websdale and his wife were showing off two lovely old David Browns, a 1956 David Brown 50D and a 1956 David Brown 2D, as always running well. Ian Cable was showing his superb looking 1967 Zetor 301 I, restored beautifully. As always, the stationary engines were in pens, but this did not deter the exhibitors with around 150 on display. The engine not to miss was the 1899 Hornsby Akroyd 5HP Lamp start, this engine was supplied in 1899 to drive machinery in a joiners shop in Cambridgeshire. After passing through three generations of the same family, it was left in a will to the engineer who had maintained it. After some years, he eventually put it up for auction in 1977 where it was bought by its current owners and

his father. After extensive restoration work, this engine has now been shown up and down the country since 1981, what a machine for its day. Inside their big on-site building there is



always a vast display of working models always worth a good look around. The horticultural section is always near the tractors and as usual there was a good variety of machines on display.



Thanks as always to the organisers for putting on a show for us all to display our big boy toys at. All photos can be found

on the 'out and about' page of the NVTEC-EA website.

Gordon Carson - NVTEC-EA



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10.30am Onwards

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OBITUARY: IVAN SMITH

Very sadly and very suddenly on Sunday 31st of March (Easter Sunday) Ivan Smith sadly passed away. I received a phone call in the afternoon and what a shock that was. Me and Ivan went to school together and have been friends ever since. Over the past 25 years since I have been involved in the vintage tractor world, I have been much more involved with Ivan and his family. Most of you will know Ivan, he's been on the rally fields for the past 40 years.

Ivan was born on the 5th February 1966 making him just 58 years old just as I am, when you lose somebody so close and at the same age as you are it hits home even more. Ivan was an excellent mechanic/engineer, there was not a lot he couldn't fix and I, as many will miss him dearly.



The funeral was held at Wisbech St Mary Church on Tuesday 30th April and the family did him very proud. He arrived at the church being pulled by his son Dean on their very well known Moline ZTN. This was supplied new by Eastern Farm Implements of Stamford in 1942 and was also owned by the late George McDonald. Ivan was to leave the church for a

private burial by his other son Aaron and this time being pulled by their little grey Ferguson. I have a picture Ivan gave me showing this Ferguson working with our Thrasherman back in the 50s.

Ivan had asked me several times about having David Brown as a theme at Stradsett, so with 2024 being the club's 50th year, it seemed a good time to feature David Brown tractors but sadly Ivan was not there to see such a fantastic display although I think he would have been proud. Ivan will be very sadly missed by many and is a great loss to us all.

Gordon Carson



STRADSETT 2024

Well, I always say its better to be born lucky than rich and were we lucky. After a very wet winter, nearly an inch of rain the Sunday before and the 12 hours of on the Friday setting up. The sun came out on the on all three days and what a show we had. A big thanks to all who supported the rally being the clubs 50th year was important to go ahead and fortunately the luck was on our side and with all the help and understanding from all we had a stunning weekend. Full report in the Autumn Vintage Torque.

Gordon Carson - NVTEC-EA





What an extraordinary turn of events over the Stradsett weekend. Despair set in on the day before the opening day when we had the inclement weather that if continued could have marred all that was planned. All the volunteers worked extremely hard to make sure everything was done to ensure that the exhibitors and public were not affected too much.

Day One brought sunshine and sunshine brings the people out and what a crowd we had. It was a delight to see so many familiar faces and to catch up with their news.

Day Two seemed even warmer and again a bumper turnout. We were blessed after last year's disappointment.

Day Three was a little quieter and a little cooler but I believe all enjoyed the day's activities. Alfred Bagge and his very efficient helper Tabitha presented the trophies to the winning exhibitors. It was also the chance to express our gratitude to Gordon for all his sterling work done over the last 13 years as Rally Organiser. Gordon and I have bowed out on a high. It has been a privilege to be involved alongside him.

We raised a staggering amount of money which can only help the chosen charities. As always many thanks for all who gave up their time to ensure this popular event lived up to all its expectations. Although this was my last year as Chairman I hope to still see many of you next year, fingers crossed.

Happy rallying for the rest of the season.

Henry Howlett

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MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Hello Everyone,

Hope you are all keeping well and have enjoyed the start of the rally season. I would just like to take this opportunity to welcome our new club members. Memberships renewals have now slowed down, and this year to date we have over 520 members, so thank you to everyone for their continued support.

In case you are not aware, we have a NVTEC-EA Group Facebook page which you can join. Lots of pictures/stories are shared along with important club news/events, so please do feel free to join.

Just a reminder to everyone to ensure you let me know of any changes in personal details (change of address, phone number, email address etc.) so that I can keep your membership details up to date please.

Thank you all and hope you all have a thoroughly enjoyable rally season.

Claire (Membership Secretary)



Katie S - 9th June • Thomas S - 11th July
Macey C - 19th July • Alex C - 30th July
Lucas W - 20th Aug • Brendan F - 28th Aug

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)

A BRILLIANT 13th BIRTHDAY



Henry proudly receiving his trophy from Chairman Henry along with his family.



When dad asked Henry what he would like for his 13th birthday, Henry decided he would love to go to a rally and display a tractor.

Dad couldn't leave Oliver out so they decided to take two tractors to Stradsett Rally. They took along two very nice John Deere tractors, a 7710 and a 7810 both in fantastic original condition.

What made his birthday even better was when the judges picked the 7810 as the best unrestored tractor in the rally.

Its lovely to see young people taking an interest in older machinery and attending rallies.

Reg Fletcher - NVTEC-EA

SPREAD THE WORD

This year's Manor Farm, Grimston, Vintage Tractor Road Run
Sunday June 16th 2024

The Manor Farm, Grimston, Vintage Tractor Road Run will be held on Sunday, June 16th. As before, tractors will be led away by organiser Roger Coe at 10.30am to first traverse the village and then strike into the country for their 22-mile journey via Massingham and Sandringham. Tractors will return around mid-afternoon.

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

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

GARDEN TRACTOR ROAD RUN

After chatting previously we had said it was a shame the small garden tractors couldn't do a road run as they were not registered for road use and couldn't travel more than approx 2/3 mph. No sooner said than it was sorted by



George & Wayne Brett Reynolds & Ian & Jackie Thompson for us to have a road run around Holkham Estate.



So on Sunday 14th April approx 23 of us with garden tractors gathered in the car park of Holkham Hall. What a selection from a Barford Atom with a trailer, Wheelhorses, John Deere, Bolens, Iseki, Kubota, Ford and some that I am sure I have forgotten.



Away we went some on the garden tractors and some in a trailer behind a tractor at the rear. We travelled along private roads through farmland and forest for about 2 1/2 hours. Then we parked up near the cricket pavilion and had our picnic lunches and a raffle.

Thanks to all and roll on next year hopefully.

Jim & Mel Wakefield

