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June 2016

Celebrating 40 Years of the Traction Owners Club in Great Britain

Over the weekend of 17th to 19th June the TOC celebrated its 40th anniversary with a rally in Kent.

On the Friday night the Tractions gathered in the recreation ground in Peasmarsh for a rather wet Hog Roast – but in great British spirit the umbrellas went up and everyone carried on socialising.



On Saturday the organisers, John & Bev Barsley, had arranged a 53 mile round route so members could decide what they wanted to visit – the Tenterden Steam Railway, the lovely Romney Churches, Brenzett Aero Museum, Romney, Hythe and Dymchurch Narrow Gauge Steam Railway, Dungeness with its quaint fisherman cottages and the Old Lighthouse. All the Tractions eventually converged on Rye to park along the Strand Quay and a chance to visit this lovely little town.



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In the evening the meal was held at the Flackley Ash Hotel where most people were staying. All enjoyed a traditional roast carvery so our European friends could enjoy “roast beef”, Yorkshire pudding and all the trimmings. We were entertained by the Cosmic Sausages – a truly amazing talented and very funny band – have a look at them on U tube!

Sunday was a short drive to the National trust property at Sissinghurst Gardens and then on to Hole Park for lunch and the Award presentation ceremony.





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In total over the weekend 138 people attended with 66 Tractions – members came from the UK, France, Belgium, Netherlands, Norway (but not in a Traction on this occasion) and the Turks and Caicos Islands (he keeps his Traction in Paris!).

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N.B. The deadline for the July FP has passed but a full report will appear in the September issue. In the meantime, here is a link to further photos of the event:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/i05vf822txaagy7/AABg8-mtYv85lxxL_AenDu65a?dl=0

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And now, two events for the 2017 diary....

May - Dutch members, Wiljan Cats and Lisette Smits, have kindly offered to organise a rally in the Highlands of Holland (that is what Wiljan told us) around the Maastricht area. This will be a three-day event over the first weekend of May 2017. Details will be released as plans are formalised, meanwhile please put the dates in your diaries.

June – The 41st TOC Annual Rally – “Tractions in the Trossachs” - will be held in Scotland in the region of Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park. It is planned for the *last weekend of June (23rd – 25th) * so, as above, please keep these dates free.

Please note this represents a change of date and is now one week later than advised in earlier versions of this notice

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