

***The East of England Show, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> June 2011, East of England Showground, Peterborough***

***Press Release***

## **Vintage Splendour at the East of England Show**

Glorious steam engines, vintage tractors and classic cars will once again fill the crowds at the East of England Show with nostalgia. The Show will be held on Friday 17<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June, at the East of England Showground in Peterborough.

Two extremes of vintage tractors will be on display. The massive 1915 Twin City 40-65 American Prairie Tractor, weighing in at 12 tons with a 27 litre engine will loom large over the Fowler No.5 Motor Plough. Built in 1920 this tiny work horse is probably unique.

Displays of tractors from around the World will feature, including a strong contingent of American made machines such as Waterloo Boys (the predecessor of the John Deere) and an Overtime, made for the English market. Another American built machine on display will be a 1917 Samson Sieve Grip.

On a far more local level, another star attraction will be a 1920s Peterbro Tractor, made in Peterborough by Peter Brotherhood, that spent its working life in Eye Village, barely 5 miles away.

The theme of this years Peterborough Farm Machinery Preservation Society display will be Sugar Beet growing through the ages, and there will also be a Fowler steam cable cultivation display.

There will also be an opportunity to see two very rare tractors indeed. The first is a Marshall 15/30 model E, the first Marshall diesel tractor, dating from the early 1930s and believed to be the only one left. Also in attendance will be an Alldays and Onions tractor, one of only a couple of known survivors.

The steam displays will include showman engines, road rollers, musical organs and steam tractors. Also expected are in excess of 130 classic and veteran cars and motorcycles to add to the air of nostalgia.

The East of England Show will also feature the best of British livestock being shown over all three days, as well as horses of all shapes and sizes, from Shetlands to Shires. Plus lots of children's activities, including the chance for them to make their own Fruit Crumbles. The Show will also be supporting the Campaign for Wool to raise awareness of modern uses of this versatile fabric, in the brand new All About Wool area.

There will also be the Country Sports arena, spotlighting a huge variety of rural pastimes. The Peterborough International Orchid Show will be displaying their fabulous blooms from across the World. Plus there will be live music, cookery demonstrations, trade stands and much, much more.

Marketing Manager of the East of England Agricultural Society, Vikki Guy, said: 'This year's Show will really focus in on the farming core of the Show. The Show will continue to entertain and inform people about farming, food and all things rural. It is also a fabulous day out for the whole family, with something of interest for all ages.'

**Advanced tickets:** Admission on Friday is £5.00 for adults and OAPs. Children are free. Advanced tickets for Saturday and Sunday are priced at Family (2 adults + 2 children) £28, Adult £13, Senior (65+) £10.20 and Children (5-16 years) £6. There is a £1.50 booking fee per transaction. You can book by telephone by calling 0845 600 5445 or online at [www.eastofenglandshow.org.uk](http://www.eastofenglandshow.org.uk) . **On-the-gate-admission:** Admission on Friday is £6.00 for adults and OAPs. Children are free. Prices for Saturday and Sunday: Family (2+2) £31, Adult £15, Senior (65+) £12 and Children (5-16 years) £7.00. Gates open from 8.00am – 6pm and car parking is FREE, with a network of level tarmac roads for ease of access for the disabled. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a full paying adult and dogs must be kept on leads at all times (dogs will not be permitted in the Food Hall).

The East of England Showground is easily accessible by car from all major routes and is well sign-posted. Rail passengers should travel to Peterborough Station (located approximately 6 miles from the Showground).

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