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***A great family day out this summer – all for charity***

**The 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Gloucestershire Vintage & Country Extravaganza  
5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> August 2016  
South Cerney Airfield, Cirencester**



5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> August 2016 will see the Stroud Vintage Transport & Engine Club (SVTEC) stage their 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Show at South Cerney Airfield in Cirencester, Gloucestershire. The show is widely regarded as one of the biggest and best Steam, Vintage and Countryside events in the UK and attracts thousands of exhibitors and visitors from across the county and actively raises money for both national and regional charities.

This year the Gloucestershire Vintage and Country Extravaganza will include the popular Steam Arena, with non-stop steam demonstrations, and the opportunity to drive a steam engine and see the spectacular Showman's Engines. The Main Arena which features parades and commentary of all the vintage vehicles on site from classic cars, tractors, commercial vehicles, vintage bus and coaches, motorcycles, scooters, traction engines, miniature steam, industrial trucks, military vehicles, caravans to emergency vehicles. Plus the Countryside Arena featuring a dog show, ferret racing, rare breeds, animal conservation, alpacas, shire horses, horse logging, falconry displays and children's pony rides.

The event will feature buses, classic and American cars, military vehicles, commercial vehicles and tractors alongside the traditional steam transport for which the event is named. Diversity has long been a feature of the Vintage and Country extravaganza and there will be something for everyone on show.

The 2016 show will also pay homage to Land Rover with a special section dedicated to the marque. In January the last Land Rover Defender rolled off the production at the Solihull manufacturing line. It was an end of an era for one of Britain's most-loved – and longest-lived – vehicles. During its 68 years of production, more than two million Land Rovers and Defenders have been sold since, with 308 model derivatives. To commemorate the iconic vehicle, the show has introduced a new section featuring Land Rover Series I, II and III models and variants (registered Pre 1980 only). For further details or to register a vehicle, please contact: [enquiries.svtec@hotmail.com](mailto:enquiries.svtec@hotmail.com)

This year the show organisers would like to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II to celebrate 60 years of the Queen's reign. If you own or know of a vehicle which has a historical link to the Queen, please get in contact.

Aside from all the vehicles, there are literally thousands of exhibits, curiosity stalls, trade stands, models tents, craft marques to keep the whole family entertained. Children always love the vintage fairground with the popular Fairground Organs, 'electric yachts', waltzers, big wheel, steam-driven 'gallopers' and traditional penny arcade games, and this year they can even have a ride on a model steam train.

The showground site is sprawling, with plenty of food and drink 'pit stops', a firm favourite is the vintage tea room with regular music and 1940s inspired Lindy Hop dancing. Plus new for 2016 - The beauty box providing a rest haven for weary show goers – after miles of walking, you will now be able to pop into a converted horsebox and relax with a head, neck and shoulder massage, or even indulge in a beauty treatment from eyelash tints, brow shaping or facial to a tattoo!.

Chairman of the Stroud Vintage Transport and Engine Club (S.V.T.E.C) Martyn Slater, said: 'Our goal has always been to give the best value for money family day out in Gloucestershire, with something for all of the family to enjoy. The show has evolved allot over the past 40 years, but the mission remains the same - to inform, educate, entertain and celebrate our unique transport history and the preservation of historical vehicles. We actively encourage interaction between exhibitors and visitors, and have a nifty on-site Wi-Fi to enable visitors to find out more history and information about specific vehicles displayed. The dedicated Wi-Fi code can be obtained from the show program, and available for use on phones, tablets and laptops'.

The motorcycle section will feature well over 200 entries, representing manufacturers from across the globe. The marques on display will include Honda, Harley Davidson, Moto Guzzi, Royal Enfield, Triumph and more. John Grange, section leader, said: 'From the Yamaha FS1E to the Suzuki GT750, there will be something to suit everyone's motorcycling interests'.

Over 500 classic cars will attend, spanning the majority of interest groups and eras. Individuals and clubs are equally welcome, with new exhibitor the Citroën Traction Avant Club holding a concours on Sunday 7 August, featuring over forty of their finest vehicles from around the world. 46 classic Americans have already been booked, including a rare Ford Galaxie Sunliner and a Chevrolet Camaro with over 1100bhp by dint of its 455ci engine, supercharger and nitrous kit.

The classic cars will be accompanied by classic caravans. Thirty classic caravans – a source of pride to their owners and a long-standing section of the show – will be on show, including both production models and homemade examples.

On show will be over thirty vintage caravans dating from the 1920's, to the 50's, 60's and 70's plus homemade units and of very varied manufacturers that no longer exist. You will be amazed by the high standard of restoration that has shaped these vintage classics. Forget all mod cons, the owners of these exhibits prefer caravans as they were in the early days. The caravan, and its offshoot, the motor home, or camper van encompasses the social spectrum from homemade, to bespoke luxury. At the Steam Extravaganza you will see both ends of that spectrum including some home builds based on unusual cars.

Classic commercials haven't been neglected either, with over 300 including a Ford Model T van and a Bristol HA6L on display. The Military section will be equally varied, with paratrooper bikes sitting next to Scammel tank transporter as part of a 100-strong display.

This year the Bus & Coach Section will feature approximately 80 vintage buses and coaches, ranging in size from a 14 seat minibus to an ex Hong Kong double decker which used to carry over 100 passengers. We are delighted to see the return of a huge line-up of iconic Bedford OB coaches. One to watch out for will be a 1940 Daimler COG5 single-decker, originally new to Coventry City Transport, and now having been extensively restored by its current owner, it will be making the trip to the Extravaganza at a top speed of 45mph. Also after the great success of last year, we will be seeing the return of two open top double-deckers which will be among several vehicles giving free rides around the showground on all three days. Come and enjoy a leisurely ride around the show from the vantage point of the upper deck of a vintage bus!

Central to the event is the steam festival. As well as a Steam Timber Arena, up to 60 full size traction engines and steamrollers will partake in the Demonstration Arena where they will be used to power threshers and wood saws. There will also be winching and rolling displays at intervals throughout the event – it's far from a static exhibition.

The Extravaganza is organised by the Stroud Vintage Transport and Engine Club. This non-profit making organisation raises money for national and local charities and up to 30 will be represented on site raising money and awareness of their respective causes. The rally is one of the largest events of its kind run entirely by volunteers. All section leaders strive to bring something different to this year's event. With so much to see and do, one day just isn't long enough.

For further information or to purchase advance tickets please visit:

[www.glosvintageextravaganza.co.uk](http://www.glosvintageextravaganza.co.uk)

#### **Notes to editors:**

Advance discounted tickets are currently available priced £8, or can be purchased on the gate for £10

Advance junior tickets (aged 5–15years) are priced £4, or can be purchased on the gate for £5. Children under five years old go free

The show opens daily at 10.00am and finished at 5.00pm

A free vintage bus service will be operating around the perimeter of the show site, and to and from Kemble railway station throughout the show to connect with selected First Great Western Trains.

**All profits from the 2016 Gloucestershire Vintage & Country Extravaganza will be donated to the Cobalt Appeal Fund and Diabetes UK.**

**Tickets available for competition purposes**

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