

Funds raised from novel July event

will go to breast cancer research

# Ladies, climb aboard your tractors for a road trip



**JOIN US:** Annie Chapman, of the David Brown Tractor Club, aboard her 1950 David Brown Cropmaster, which she calls her Red Devil. She has called on women to join her road trip in aid of breast cancer research.

EAST Anglian women are the driving force behind a novel fund-raising event which will see them take to the road in a convoy of tractors.

The Ladies Only tractor road run will take place on July 4 to raise money for breast cancer research carried out by the charity Cancer Research UK.

Annie Chapman, of the Suffolk and Norfolk branch of the David Brown Tractor Club, decided to organise the event after witnessing several of her friends tackle breast cancer.

Many of the women who have already signed up are farmer's wives who will be borrowing tractors, despite some of them never having been behind the wheel before.

Annie said: "I very much wanted the pounds raised to go to breast cancer research as I have known many friends fight

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it. Their experience has made me realise that research is our main tool in the battle against this horrible disease.

"Indeed, since organising this event, two further friends have been diagnosed with breast cancer. I want to do all I can to help.

"I'm thrilled with the response I've had so far. People have been fantastic. There is not much in the vintage tractor calendar that focuses on women."

Annie added: "I want to thank my partner John and my three girls for their support with the event and also Pam Grimmer and Christine Creasy who have been a tremendous help and have really got behind the event wholeheartedly."

The route, which begins at

South Green in the South Norfolk village of Pulham St Mary, has been chosen for its 18 miles of peaceful country lanes and private tracks, with permission from local farmers.

Setting off at 11.30am, the convoy will take in the Waveney Valley south-west of Harleston and pass through Furze Green.

The women drivers will skirt round Rushall before heading south to Brockdish and Syleham where they will join their families for a picnic lunch.

The final part of the route will pass through Wingfield and Upper Weybread and back to Pulham St Mary via Needham.

The tractor Annie will be driving on the day is a 1950 David Brown Cropmaster which she calls her Red Devil, but any make or age of tractor will be welcomed.

To register for the tractor road run, call Annie on (01379) 676324.