



IN THE DRIVING SEAT: Decorated tractors driven by 'Pink Ladies' take to the roads of Norfolk. www.photostoday.co.uk D05/07/043-046.

Pink Ladies raise cancer awareness

PINK Ladies and tractors decorated with balloons and bunting graced the streets of Pulham St Mary on Sunday to raise money for breast cancer awareness.

More than 70 women from East Anglia, many of whom had no previous experience of tractor driving, came together for the second ladies-only tractor run.

The women made the 20-mile round trip from South Green in a time of three hours, with a pit stop for lunch at Gawdy Hall.

Dozens of spectators lined the roads, cheering and clapping the women as they drove by.

The run was started by BBC Look East reporter Amelia Reynolds, who was due to complete the journey herself but had to pull out for personal reasons.

Organiser Annie Chapman, a member of the

David Brown Tractor Club, explained why she felt so strongly about the charity:

"Awareness of breast cancer has risen dramatically over the past few years.

"We all know of someone who has or has had breast cancer, and many of the women today have personal experience of the disease."

Last year, the tractor run raised an impressive £16,500, and with more participants this year, it is hoped that 2005's total could exceed that.

Mrs Chapman has been recognised for her contribution to breast cancer charities before. On June 21, she attended a reception in London with Princess Alexandra as a representative of her 'Pink Ladies', an experience which made her feel "honoured and humbled".