

Chairman's Report:



Annual General Meeting – Saturday 13th November 2021

There is little to report on show events since the AGM in 1920 as there have been very few and I have no intention of dwelling on the recent past which has not been an easy time for anyone. Of course, our Club has adapted to the changing circumstances, I'm sure you will agree successfully, but much of this will be covered by Jane, our treasurer in her report which follows, so I will leave that to her.

The committee has held zoom meetings during the year, but they are not the same as those traditionally held face to face but the best that could be achieved. I want to address the timing and venue for the next Annual General Meeting and will welcome your views once we reach 'Any other business' on the agenda. The FFA constitution was last amended in 2017 and calls for an Annual General Meeting but specifies neither place nor time for holding it. However, it was decided at the AGM in 2016 that future meetings would be held at Spring Tractor World.

The committee have discussed this and believe that because Tractor World Malvern 2022 is scheduled for late May. The show is planned to be an outdoor event and we do not as yet know the extent of facilities or area to be allocated to us, leaving many unknown variables. These coupled to that it is only some 6 months hence it would be better delaying our next AGM until 2023. It will make planning it more straightforward once we see how the new show layout works in practice.

I should explain that although the Wye Halls will be in use during the show the large link marquee will not be re-erected, we could have booked space inside but because of the new social distancing requirements one complete hall would be insufficient to house the Club's exhibits and the grass area behind is not available for us to use. (It would certainly not be acceptable to split the Clubs into widely separated areas). Hopefully it will be better weather in late May than at many Tractor Worlds in the past although, I think we will probably need to hire a marquee.

In practical terms the accounts for the current year 1st January to 31st December 2021 will be placed on the web site for presentation at the following AGM just as the current year's have been. We are not proposing to alter the accounting period and the only significant difference would be extending for 6 months the periods of office for those committee members due stand for re-election under the three-year rule.

Our relationship with Kelsey continues and although the magazine's size was reduced due to newsagent closures during lockdown unlike some titles it was not axed and is now back to size. I do find Chris Graham more approachable than some previous editors. The number of Club pages in the magazine has been increased (they currently stand at 8, we only had 1 when I started) and are now much more interesting; primarily because the content is original and has not been published before which was for many years subscriber's biggest complaint. This is because at long last members have started to contribute stories and photos. My thanks to all who have made contributions and do please keep them coming in. In particular my thanks to Andrew Green, a regular contributor and to especially to our overseas Canadian and European representatives.

It is my pleasure also to thank your committee members and many helpers for the sterling work they have put in over the last year and a half, in particular I would single out Jane who has worked on your behalf tirelessly thought this period, I cannot overstate her contribution to the Clubs success. As in any other organisation much goes on behind the scenes that is unseen but is essential to the smooth running of any organisation. In fact, the more effortless an event appears to be is invariably in inverse proportion to the amount of preparation beforehand.

Thank you.