

**The Ford & Fordson Association
PO Box 123 Felixstowe, IP11 7ZP.
Annual General Meeting**

Sunday 21st October 2012 at 11.00am
The Bredgar & Wormshill Light Railway, Kent, ME9 8AT

The Minutes

83 members registered although 75 persons actually attended the meeting on what turned out to be one of the wettest days of the year in Kent. In spite of this everyone enjoyed seeing the exhibits, taking part in a train ride at the excellent railway museum and seeing the fine display of vintage tractors specially assembled for the day.

Committee attending: Chairman Pat Pawsey, Treasurer Jane Broomhall, Merchandise Managers Rodney & Wendy Gibson, Website Manager Graeme Clark, Show Stand Managers Margaret & Derek Badham, Technical Advisers Keith Broomhall & Simon Smart, Health & Safety & Show Commentator Peter Godwin and Secretary Rob Rushen-Smith.

After the introductions the chairman, Pat Pawsey, welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

Apologies for absence given:-

Bob Duke, Bedfordshire - last minute problem.
Roger Ingham, North Yorkshire - ploughing this weekend.
Peter Love, East Sussex, Editor FFT magazine - on tour in France
Andrew Green, Devon – attending a Christening.
Gwilyn Jones – Anglesey
Tony Doyle – Republic of Ireland
Nick & Pat Bryne – Somerset
Colin Aylward – South Yorkshire
Francois Dumonceau – Belgium
Gianfranco Bisson – Northern Italy
David Lemonius – Isle of Wight
Dawn & Barry Milsom – Fordson Tractor Club of Australia Inc.
Ted Foster & Arch Tanner, Ford & Fordson Collectors Association Inc. USA,
Gerard Schoenmakers - The Netherlands

Minutes of the last AGM held on Sunday 30th October 2011 at Oakham Treasurers, Portbury, Bristol. The Minutes proposed by Jane Broomhall and seconded by Nick Battelle and all agreed as a true record by a show of hands.

Matters Arising from the Minutes:

David Caley asked that the Newby Hall Rally be properly called The Yorkshire Vintage Association Rally at Newby Hall and Gardens. He also asked if any progress had been made with Area Reps and the Chairman said yes but this issue was ongoing. It was noted that the meeting was attended by Area Reps from: Kent, Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, Oxfordshire and Shropshire.

Election of a new committee member.

The nomination of Conrad Hopkins, was received by the Secretary 8 weeks prior to the meeting.

This was proposed by Pat Pawsey and seconded by Simon Smart. The meeting agreed to the nomination by a show of hands and Conrad was duly elected and welcomed by the Chairman as a committee member for the next three years.

The Secretary confirmed the terms of other Committee Members before re-election:-

Due at the AGM in 2013

Rodney & Wendy Gibson

Peter Godwin

Margaret & Derek Badham

Secretary: Rob Rushen-Smith

Due at the AGM in 2014:

Chairman: Patrick Pawsey

Treasurer: Jane Broomhall

Website Manager: Graeme Clark

Committee members: Keith Broomhall and Simon Smart.

The Secretary said he wished to stand down at the end of next year, however he would continue to support the FFA perhaps in a new role as Membership Secretary, if this was needed.

Any other business:

David Caley questioned the FFA membership total as against the subscription of FFT magazine.

The Secretary repeated what was said at the AGM last year about membership of the FFA. This applied even more this year because as members of the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs the FFA pays an annual subscription of approx 40p per member. This we could only afford to pay for those who are registered on the FFA data base approximately 350 members. That is for those who had paid their £5 annual membership or where we had received a £5 commission from the annual subscription of the FFT magazine. Subscription to the FFT magazine, paid direct to Kelsey Publishing, did not qualify a person to be a member of the FFA although historically this had been the case. Those present were again urged to renew their membership direct with the FFA so that their names can be included on the FFA register.

Concern was also expressed that the identify of the FF Association was being confused with the FF Tractors magazine by the production and sale of FF Tractors branded merchandise by Kelsey Publishing.

Nick Battelle spoke about the trial Fordson & Ford Newsletter he had proposed and shown to the Committee in the Summer. This quarterly magazine, Edited by himself and printed by his staff in Derbyshire, would cost members £10 per year. This would provide an income to the FFA and be filled with FFA relevant club material. The Secretary said that this trial newsletter was shown and discussed at the last Committee Meeting at Swavesey and was being considered to run along side the FFT magazine as a vehicle of communication also available on the FFA website.

Peter Godwin expressed the view that the sponsorship and relationship with Kelsey Publishing, although not perfect, was still important to the FFA.

It was pointed out that the events of the rival Ford & Fordson Tractor Club had been widely reported in the FFT magazine and there was no particular exclusivity of FFA news in this very good quality bi-monthly magazine.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 12.05 hrs. and reminded everyone of the **Date of next AGM on Sunday 27 October 2013** at The Yorkshire Museum of Farming, Murton, near York.

After the meeting Anthony Patten gave a brief talk on his work as special advisor for the FFA with the DVLA

After lunch Bill Best gave a brief talk on his interest in mechanics, steam engines and the Bredgar & Wormshill Light Railway. He then invited everyone to take a train ride in the grounds of the museum estate.