

The Ford & Fordson Association
PO Box 123 Felixstowe, IP11 7ZP.
Annual General Meeting
Sunday 27th October 2013 at 11.00am
The Yorkshire Museum of Farming, Murton.

The Minutes

Forty two members registered to attend the meeting at the Museum just outside York and the weather was fine. Everyone enjoyed seeing the exhibits of the museum and the display of Ford & Fordson tractors and a dealer truck organised by our Yorkshire Representative, Roger Ingham and local members.

Committee attending: Chairman Pat Pawsey, Treasurer Jane Broomhall, President Nicholas Battelle, Vice-Chairman Conrad Hopkins, Merchandise Managers Rodney and Wendy Gibson, Show Managers Margaret and Derek Badham, Technical Adviser Keith Broomhall, Ploughing Director Roger Ingham and Secretary Rob Rushen-Smith.

After the introductions the Chairman, Pat Pawsey, welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending especially Gerard Schoenmaker's party of 4 from The Netherlands including the Dutch ploughing champion.

Apologies for absence given:-

Website Manager Graeme Clark, Committee Members: Peter Godwin and Simon Smart.
Peter Price – Worcestershire, Peter Love - East Sussex, Scott Lambert - Editor FFT magazine, Andrew Green - Devon, David and Kenneth Ford – Gloucestershire, Gwilyn Jones – Anglesey, Tony Doyle – Republic of Ireland, Nick and Pat Bryne – Somerset, Colin Aylward – South Yorkshire, Francois Dumonceau – Belgium, Gianfranco Bisson – Northern Italy, David Lemonius – Isle of Wight, Dawn and Barry Milsom – Fordson Tractor Club of Australia Inc. Ted Foster and Arch Tanner, Ford & Fordson Collectors Association Inc. USA.

Minutes of the last AGM held on Sunday 21st October 2012 at The Bredgar & Wormshill Light Railway, Kent. The Minutes proposed by David Caley seconded by Nick Battelle and agreed as a true record by a show of hands.

Chairman's Report - Pat Pawsey

The Year's Events:

The Club has had a busy year and has been represented at more events (in excess of 28) than ever before. Following last years AGM we were again at (Abridged list):

- Newark held on 10-11th November
- Isle of Wight Road run rounded the year off.
- Malvern got 2013 off to a flying start unfortunately there was not enough room and will anyone coming this year please make sure that they put FFA exhibitor on their entry form.
- The 13th April was the Kent Heritage Show
- The 20-21st April saw 2nd Eastern Counties Vintage Tractor & Heritage Spectacular on the Norfolk Show Ground, this is an up and coming event and if you haven't been I commend it to you.
- 5th May Merton Farm
- Newby Hall was on 8-9th June and Roger had an excellent turn out of tractors.
- Aldham Old Time the NEET&EC was also on 8-9th.
- 12th June Preston Steam Show,
- The FMPS rally at Long Melford on 6-7th July this is one of my local club's annual rally.
- The Kent County Show held on 12-14th July an annual FFA venue.
- Our Expo this year held at Welland on 26-28th July was well attended and we had an excellent position at this always a great show.
- Glos. Steam Extravaganza 2 – 4th August
- It's Show Time at Purleigh on 11th August another new event for the Club with over 40 acres to play or hone your ploughing skills on.
- 17th August Stockbury Village Show
- Gt Dorset at the end of August was next.
- Barleylands on 14-15 September was tried for the first time thanks to Conrad.
- The Grand Henham Steam Rally was on 21-22nd September
- Rochester & Graves End Ploughing Match 21st September
- Ladies ploughing match nr Canterbury 22nd September
- East Kent ploughing match

- The Southern Area ploughing championships were held at Ingham on 5th October

Still to come this year is Newark and I'm pleased to say that this year we will not be charged to attend as we have been in the past. Also the Northern Area ploughing championships.

The success of any Club, ours included, is dependent on its members being involved in its activities. The Club really is what you make it, it is that simple, if you put little in you will get little out. Most tractor clubs are locally based and like me I'm sure many of you belong to one or two; these clubs have one big advantage over us and that is that they are local. We are not and that is both our strength and our weakness. Our strength lies in being a specialist club that offers services to members dedicated to Ford & Fordson tractors and equipment.

But it is our weakness that I hope to address with your help. Because we cover the whole country we do not have the advantage that other clubs have of "locality" (*short explanation*). Our members want to be able to attend events in their areas that have a Ford & Fordson presence; this is why we need to have other FFA events during the season apart from the Expo. This year we have had a good spread of events to cater for all interests but the problem is that 7 of the 28+ were in East Anglia & 9 were in Kent!

So this is a weakness that can with your help be turned into strength. The committee does not organize any of these apart from the Expo; the members do it themselves so if you want an event in your area, for example at your favourite rally go and talk to the tractor steward, get him on board and we will help you as much as we can. It does mean a bit of organization by you but if a few mates are press-ganged in to help it is not too onerous and it is enjoyable.

The revised constitution: This item is on the agenda for discussion and I hope that you've had time to read it. The constitution was last updated in 2010 and as we are now run our own affairs it is time for a further review. To summarise the main proposed changes:

1. The objects have been expanded to reflect the Club's current activities and aspirations.
2. Membership, the position of magazine subscribers needed to be clarified and a new junior membership has been introduced.
3. Ordinary members entitlements have been clarified in line with membership.
4. Neither the secretary nor the treasurer need to be committee members this change is to allow more flexibility.
5. The committee in line with normal practice will appoint officers of the association annually.

Tractor registrations: Tony Patten who did such a splendid job for the Club as our registration officer has retired. Tony who came to our last AGM and explained to members how to obtain an age related registration or, when possible, how to retain an existing one, not only offered members a first class service but raised money for the Club to boot and I pleased to be able to take this opportunity publicly of thanking him for all his hard work on our behalf.

I have taken over as the Club's registration officer, it's been a steep learning curve and Tony was a hard act to follow; he has very patiently been answering my queries ever since.

Looking forward to next year: just highlighting five events either because they are early in the season or as in Dorset's case because of the planning involved demands early action if you wish to enter. Entry details and other information may be found in the website.

1. Tractor World at Malvern this year is on 2nd and 3rd March, if you want to be on the FFA stand **CLEARLY** mark your entry form to this effect to avoid disappointment. I gather changes to the show are afoot and I should know more after Newark I will keep you informed via the website.
2. The National Road Run - this year it is Shropshire's turn on Sunday 20th April at Bridgnorth; this is a splendid charity event which I know several members regularly attend. Derek and Margaret will be there to greet you.
3. Carrington Steam & Vintage Rally, it is several years since the Club last visited this Lincolnshire event held near Boston on 25 and 26th May. It is a premier rally and we shall have our marquee there and hope to welcome many of you.

4. Expo X will be held at the Cumbrian Steam Gathering on 26 and 27th July, near Grange-over-Sands, this is the furthest north we have been and although it may be too far for some to attend I hope as many of you as able will enter your tractors. Being a national Club we must move round the country to be fair to all members.

5. While on Great Dorset thanks to Nick Battelle's introduction Stuart Cotton, the static tractor steward, has offered our Club space for 30 tractors, to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the launch of the 6X range. We shall be looking for interesting examples and hope to feature examples from both the 6X & 6Y ranges. There will be an announcement in the next magazine and members who are interested will be invited to submit photographs of tractors they would like to enter. I'm sorry, but as space is limited, we shall have to select the ones that will make the best display. That will not necessarily mean the shiniest tractors, so if you have a tractor that fits the bill and can spare the time why not submit photograph of it? We require entries by the end of March, come and see us at Tractor World.

Finally: as you will all know Peter Love has moved on to pastures new and Scott Lambert has taken over as editor of Ford & Fordson Tractors, Peter was instrumental in founding the association and I'm sure that we all wish him well, doubtless he will still be around at shows and sales.

I should mention that Rob, who signalled his intention to resign last year, has generously agreed to serve as our secretary for a further year, an offer that we have gratefully accepted. In conclusion I should like to take this opportunity of thanking the whole committee for the hard work they have put in over the last year and unstinting help and support they have given me.

Treasurer's Report - Jane Broomhall

At the end of the second year as Treasurer I believe I have got to grips with financial matters on behalf of the Association. The accounts have been audited by a chartered accountant at no cost to the Association.

As previously any cheque transactions require two signatories.

Public Liability Insurance is in place for £5,000,000 and we continue as members of the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Club. This body keeps Associations like the FFA in touch with all the relevant regulations.

We continue a good relationship with Kelsey in respect of membership and the circulation of the Ford and Fordson Tractor magazine, both via their continuing sponsorship on a quarterly basis and receipt of £5 per annual membership we receive on a direct basis.

We continually promote the fact that direct membership with the FFA provides a huge benefit to the Association and to date we have established 492 members of our own, some of whom previously renewed with Kelsey.

We are able to offer discounted membership to match the offer advertised in each publication of the Ford and Fordson Tractors magazine.

£5 subscriptions were introduced last year and 41 people have taken advantage of this style of membership of the Association.

As last year, our income has increased considerably by the generous contribution of Tony Patten in relation to tractor registrations (a total of £2,356 in our financial year plus a further £1,115 between April and September).

Most importantly for the Committee, we have had fun at the various events attended during the year.

We look forward to your continuing support

Jane Broomhall
Treasurer/October 2013

**FORD AND FORDSON ASSOCIATION
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
6 April 2012 to 5 April 2013**

Income

Sponsorship	2,133.33
Membership Subscriptions	5,764.35
Merchandise Sales, inc. postage	4,732.55
Fundraising	3,932.18

Total **16,562.41**

Expenditure

Subscription Transfer	3,373.13
Merchandise Purchases	5,551.17
Exhibitions/AGM	1,681.82
Insurance	845.02
Trophies/Plaques	256.80
Telephone, Postage and Stationery	1,648.76
Merchandise Postage and Courier	65.01
Travel Expenses	50.00

Total **13,471.71**

Excess of Income over Expenditure **3,090.70**

Balance Brought Forward from 6th April 2012 **4,740.73**

Balance at Bank as at 5 April 2013 **7,831.43**

Merchandise stock in hand (approximately) 7,000.00

**FORD AND FORDSON ASSOCIATION
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
6 April 2013 to end September 2013**

Income

Sponsorship	1,000.00	
Membership Subscriptions	3,176.32	
Merchandise Sales inc. postage	2,762.40	
Fundraising	1,342.15	
Total		8,280.87

Expenditure

Subscription Transfer	1,517.35	
Merchandise Purchases	3,375.88	
Exhibitions/AGM	142.00	
Insurance	158.73	
Trophies/Plaques	142.20	
Telephone, Postage and Stationery	542.49	
Merchandise Postage and Courier	101.12	
Travel	-	
Total		5,979.77

Excess of Income over Expenditure **2,301.10**

Balance Brought Forward from 5th April 2013 **7,831.43**

Balance at Bank as at end September 2013 **10,132.53**

Merchandise stock in hand (approximately) 8,000.00

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by David Caley and seconded by Conrad Hopkins and agreed by all in a show of hands. The Chairman congratulated the Treasurer on producing a clear set of accounts and report and she was warmly applauded by all.

Review of the Rules and Constitution of the FFA.

This was last up-dated at the AGM in 2010. The Secretary summarised the main changes and after a general discussion with comments from the Chairman, David Caley and Peter Harriman the new AGM was proposed by Wendy Gibson, seconded by Ken Bailey and agreed by all with a show of hands.

Election of a new committee member.

The Secretary confirmed the names of Committee Members for re-election for a further three years:- Rodney and Wendy Gibson, Peter Godwin, Margaret and Derek Badham, proposed by Rob Rushen-Smith and seconded by Ken Bailey and approved by a show of hands.

The Secretary, Rob Rushen-Smith, said was willing to serve for another year and hoped that Jane Broomhall might take over this job next year.

Any other business:

David Caley questioned the role of Area Representatives and all acknowledge that this was a difficult job which required everyone's encouragement and support. Keith Broomhall said they had limited success with a mail shot to members in Norfolk. All agreed that new members can be drawn by arranging working events, ploughing competitions and road runs.

Wendy Gibson asked that we keep our website manager, Ernie Clark, up to date with all local and national events by providing him with e-mail reports and photographs.

David Caley suggested business cards be printed to give out at shows as a promotional item – Rodney Gibson said the Kent Reps already have this.

Roger Ingham thanked Ray Thompson and Gerard Schoenmakers (the Netherlands) for their helping to arranging ploughing events this year.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 12.15 pm.

The date and venue of next AGM to be advised.

After the AGM the co-opted President, Nicholas Battelle, gave a short talk on his aspirations for the FFA in the coming year. He will be encouraging local FFA supporters by giving talks around the country (Talk in Devon in November). He said we should embrace new technology such as Twitter and Facebook in order to encourage support of young members. He reminded us that new tractors for our generation would seem like 'old tractors' for the young members. He would also be running his Tractor Road Run in Derbyshire again next year.