

**The Ford and Fordson Association  
Annual General Meeting  
Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 4.30 p.m.  
The Pavilion, Malvern Show Ground  
The Minutes**

Fourteen members attended the meeting, which took place in the Pavilion at The Three Counties Show Ground, Malvern during the weekend of Tractor World. These included Nick Bryne, Bob Baseby, Thomas Pratt, Abigail Pugh, Derek Badham, John and Miranda Vowell, Nick Golland

Committee Members attending: Patrick Pawsey, Ken Bailey, Rodney Gibson, Peter Mitchem, Jane and Keith Broomhall.

**Welcome by the Chairman** – Thank you all for coming, I missed last year's AGM and my thanks to our President Nick Battelle for very ably chairing that meeting, in my absence, it is good to be back. As usual we have formal business to transact but after that it is your chance to air any thoughts you may have to improve the Club's running be they critical or otherwise. But first to business so I will hand over to Jane Broomhall, who is simply the Club's backbone.

**Apologies for absence:** Phil Gibson and committee members Nick Battelle, Roy Cowgill, Lin and Ian Prince, Luke Burgess, Graeme Clark, Peter Godwin and Gary Capp.

**Minutes of the previous AGM** held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2023 were distributed ahead of the meeting and the Secretary provided a summary of the content. Acceptance of the Minutes as a true record of the meeting, proposed by Peter Mitchum seconded by Rodney Gibson and to be signed by the Chairman.

**Matters Arising from the Minutes:**

The Secretary advised of a mistake in the minutes of the 2023 AGM in respect of membership numbers. As at December 2022 these were 1292 rather than the 1992 reported.

At the 2023 AGM Thomas Pratt was invited to join the team at the 2024 show and help with the running the stand. Both Thomas and his girlfriend, Abigail, joined us today, mixed well and enjoyed their experience.

There were no other matters arising.

**Chairman's Report – Patrick Pawsey**

I start on a very sad note, you will all know that Margaret Badham died unexpectedly last year. Margaret and Derek were true stalwarts and from the beginning attended countless events representing the Club up and down the country. I dread to think how many cups of tea Margaret gave members always with a great welcome, somewhere to sit and usually a piece of cake. I'm sure that you are like me who cannot recall attending many shows when she and Derek

were not there. She was loved by all and will be sorely missed. I know you will all join with me on offering Derek our very best wishes.

Shows are back, all be it with a different feel, the 'new normal'. A notable exception is The Great Dorset Steam Fair, that is now, apparently uneconomic to stage. The Club has had stands and put on some splendid displays of members machines in 2023; it could not happen without your support. Our thanks to all who those members who have worked so hard, to make this happen. I should mention that it does make organising any stand much easier if you let us know what you are thinking of bringing beforehand. The marquee at Newark was a great success, but never forget that without members organising and supporting events they just would not happen.

The election of those retiring under the 3-year rule and new committee members is yet to come but I must thank those who have decided not to offer themselves for re-election. Luke Burgess who as a young man, is busy making his way in life but we hope to see him back, Graham Clark (Ernie) who launched our web site and ran it successfully for many years and Peter Godwin who was chairman before I started and gave me invaluable support and guidance my thanks to them all.

As with any enterprise much goes on behind the scenes, in fact the smoother things run the more work has been put in beforehand. I shall single no one out as it has been a team effort but my sincere thanks to all members who have contributed to another successful year.

### **Secretary/Treasurer's Report – Jane Broomhall**

The accounts have been audited by a chartered accountant at no cost to the Association and as previously advised, 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.

### **Income**

Our main income comes from subscriptions and merchandise sales.

Subscriptions totaled £31,992.26 during the year, versus £27,780.44 in 2022. An encouraging increase.

As at December 2023 we had 1575 members split between 1536 UK members who pay £20 per year and 39 overseas members who pay £30/£33, depending, if they are in Europe or further afield. [for anyone spotting the mistake in last year's minutes, well done ... I quoted 1992 members rather than 1292!!!]

In addition, we have 110 member-only subscriptions at £8 per year. A huge increase on 2022 as a result of many people seeking help with registration of their tractors.

We pay Kelsey £2 per magazine for UK members and £3 per magazine for Overseas members. These sums are paid to Kelsey on a magazine, by magazine basis. Late requests for copies are charged at £2.50/£3.50 respectively.

There was an increase of 283 members during the year. (Obviously we lose a number of members throughout the year due to ill health or often the fact they have sold their tractor, so I think this is an encouraging situation).

Payment via our direct debit facility with GoCardless continues to be popular and some 350 members make payment in this way. The cost is 1.25% + 20p + VAT.

We also offer a card facility via Worldpay which attracts a 1.69% charge.

**Merchandise** sales for the year totaled £12,167.13, a slight reduction compared to £12,917.35 in 2022.

**Sponsorship** income relates to income from companies offering discounts to members. At a recent committee meeting we discussed this subject and decided that with the continuing success and growth of the Club, this was no longer necessary and will cease from this year.

Our sponsors include Old 20 Parts, Railswood, Silver Fox, KMP (Anglo Agri). Welham Diesel Injection and Perryman Tractor Spares were added during 2023. We have also been talking to Emmark and Rye Oils and hope to add these in the near future.

**Fundraising** of £1,339 relates to monies donated for the provision of teas, coffee etc. at shows.

## **Expenditure**

**Subscription** transfers totaled £18,814.58 (£17,882.15 in 2022) and relate to the monies paid to Kelsey for distribution of the Ford and Fordson Tractors Magazine. In 2022 there were 7 payments rather than 6 as Kelsey failed to bank a cheque in December 2021. The figure for subscription transfers for 2022 should have been £15,576.15 rather than £17,882.15 - £2,306.00 less.

Merchandise costs for purchases of the range of FFA clothing and accessories, were down to £12,143.04 compared to £13,175.00 in 2022.

Exhibition/AGM costs totaled £8,502.12 compared to £5,335.69 in 2022. The difference, mainly relating to the cost of hiring our own marquee for Newark.

Trophies/Plaques/Giveaways at £1,733.39 compared to £1,283.89 in 2022.

Stationery and postage costs were £4,337.02 compared to £4,082.31 in 2022. This includes all postage for letters and parcels, computer cartridges, envelopes, paper and for the website administration.

Insurance costs relate to our general insurance and membership of the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Club. £433.13 and £690.95 respectively. Federation costs increase with membership levels.

## **Summary**

Our expenditure exceeded our income by £920.80 compared to £840.42 in 2022.

The balance at the bank on 31<sup>st</sup> December totaled **£29,910.76** and the merchandise stock in hand totaled **£9,996**, very similar to 2022.

A very healthy situation for your Club.

## **Committee and Election of Officers**

Committee members whose office expired in 2024 were advised as Patrick Pawsey, Keith and Jane Broomhall. All have expressed their willingness to remain in office for a further three years.

As mentioned, we have changes in our committee for the first time in many years. Graeme Clark, Luke Burgess and Peter Godwin have all stepped down and very sadly we lost Margaret Badham in late 2023. Whilst Derek always attended committee meetings with Margaret, as he is an Honorary Member of the Association, he is unable to serve on the committee.

New committee members have been nominated – John Vowell (Lincolnshire representative), John Maiden (Dorset and Hampshire representative) and Robbie Ironside (Aberdeenshire representative) and we would like to add these members to our committee.

The appointments were proposed by Rodney Gibson seconded by Ken Bailey and confirmed by all attendees of the AGM.

## **The Future**

Our priorities for 2024 are:

- To maintain the quality of our magazine

- To further expand our membership.

- To continue to extend our number of Representatives to provide a better coverage both home and abroad and hopefully the ability to attend more events.

### **Any Other Business**

The Secretary advised that Nick Bryne, previously a representative for the Association and actively involved in his home county of Somerset, has agreed to return as a Representative in the coming months.

The Secretary proposed that the current insurance cover of £5million public liability should be raised to £10million and advised that she had asked insurers to quote on this basis for the renewal which is due at the end of March.

Attendees thanked the Secretary for her efforts on behalf of the Club.

There was no further business; the meeting ended at 5.00 p.m.

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**FORD AND FORDSON ASSOCIATION  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023**



**Income**

Sponsorship	235.64
Membership Subscriptions	31,992.26
Merchandise Sales, inc. postage	12,167.13
Fundraising	1,339.00

**Total** **45,734.03**

**Expenditure**

Subscription Transfer	18,814.58
Merchandise Purchases	12,143.04
Exhibitions/AGM	8,502.12
Trophies/Plaques/Giveaways	1,733.39
Stationery/Postage incl. merchandise postage	4,337.62
Insurance	1,124.08

**Total** **46,654.83**

**Excess of Expenditure over Income** **(920.80)**

**Balance Brought Forward from 31 December 2022** **30,831.56**

**Balance at Bank as at 31 December 2023** **29,910.76**

**Merchandise stock in hand** **9,996.00**