



# Club Newsletter

**April 2013**

## Club News

### Chairman's Report

Another year has passed and what a year that was, with many Shows and Ploughing Matches having to be cancelled due to the adverse weather conditions, let's hope this year will be better.

The NVTEC Thames Valley Tractor Club AGM was held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2013 at Englefield Sports & Social Club, where the following club members were elected to serve on the committee this year:

Chairman	Peter Fanshawe	07734 768401
Vice Chairman	Pat Froom	07836 384378
Treasurer	Roger Hannington	0118 9832230
Membership Secretary	Dave Fisher	01491 681607
Safety	Bernard Winnington	
Secretary	Dan Wood	07887 597980

We had several members retire from the committee - Ron Moore – Secretary, Derek & Carol Yates - Membership Secretary, Norman Bollon - Safety Officer and Andrew Townsend - Events, we are sorry to see them leave the committee and gratefully appreciate the excellent job they have done for the club for so many years.

Regards,

Peter Fanshawe.

[Please find enclosed a copy of the full AGM minutes from Ron Moore.]

### Annual Dinner Dance

This was held at the Drayton Manor Golf Club on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February and attended by 130 guests, club members, friends and tractor enthusiasts, with many traveling many miles to attend. The staff at the Golf Club provided an excellent meal and service, which was followed up with music from The Sidewinders, a very enjoyable evening.

Thank you Carol Yates and her team for organising the raffle, and everyone who donated raffle prizes, with a special raffle prize of a David Brown model kindly donated by Dave Fisher.

Janice & David Mobbs, Organisers.

## Club Events

**Spring Road Run** [Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May] – Gary Cresswell (07702-041-165) is organising a charity road run starting from Jimmy Balsdon's Farm (signs from Bradfield College on the Ashampstead road out of Bradfield). Arrivals from 9am for a 10am start, all welcome. Just turn up on the day or contact Gary or myself (Dan) for further details.

**MERL (Museum of English Rural Life, Reading) Open Day** [Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June] – Peter Fanshawe is talking to MERL about taking along a selection of tractors and implements to create a club display at this one day event. If you would like to take part then please contact Peter before the end of May for full details.

**Woodcote 'Golden Jubilee' Rally** [Weekend 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> July] – to celebrate 50 years, Woodcote are planning to mark this special occasion by putting on some extra displays. They are allocating the club over 10 acres to make a working tillage display area. Our aim is to replicate the Great Dorset working area where the land is ploughed, cultivated, rolled and then re-ploughed with several tractors all working at the same time. We will need a mixture of cultivators, discs and harrows as well as ploughs. Please complete and return the usual rally entry form to Nick Sanders by the closing date (April 30<sup>th</sup>) to enter the rally and be listed in the program. Tractors will be able to move between the static lines and the tillage area, so if you would also like to take part in the tillage area, please contact me (details below) with details of tractor and implement before the end of June.

**Club Ploughing Match** [Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September] – Dave & Janice Mobbs (01235-820-352) are organising the club ploughing match which will also be a national qualifier again this year, venue to be advised nearer the time.

**The Royal County of Berkshire Show, Newbury** [Weekend 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> September] – A date for your diaries. Please note that this year's show is a week later than previous years. We are already planning the club section for this year with a 'war time farm' theme, specifically focussing on Land Girls. Details to follow nearer the time.

## Other Events

**Berkshire Young Farmers County Fayre** [Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May], Amners Farm, Burghfield, RG30 3UE – We have been asked to bring along a selection of vintage machinery, please contact Peter Fanshawe or Gary Cresswell to get involved.

**Harwell Feast** [May 27<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday Monday] – Some club members join the tractor section of the parade through Harwell village to the recreation ground, see the enclosed event guide for more details.

**Ploughing Matches & Vintage Events Guides** - Janice Mobbs has kindly compiled a guide to some of the local ploughing matches and vintage events over the coming months, a copy is enclosed.

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I have been asked by club members to include more events details and a 'For Sale & Wanted' section in the newsletter, the next newsletter is due out in July so please contact me with details of these or other items or suggestions for future newsletter content by the end of June.

Regards,

Dan Wood, Secretary.

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BRADFIELD MAYFAYRE 2013



THE MAYFAYRE  
CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME  
CENTRE RING  
GRAND RAFFLE DRAW  
COMPANION DOG SHOW  
2012 BENEFICIARIES  
PARTNERS & SUPPLIERS  
LOCAL BUSINESS FRIENDS  
MAYFAYRE PHOTOS  
DIRECTIONS



Follow us on:



Village Hall Playing Fields,  
Bradfield Southend,  
Monday, 6th May 2013  
Starts 12:30 p.m.  
Entrance Charges:  
Family £6.00  
Adults £2.50  
Children 50p

Raising funds for the local community for over 30 years

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# WOODCOTE RALLY

Golden Jubilee

50 years of  
Donations and Delights

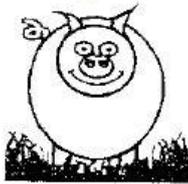
13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> July 2013



"A FUN DAY OUT FOR ALL WALKS OF LIFE"



## Berkshire Country Fayre



Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2013

Amners Farm, Burghfield, RG30 3UE  
By kind permission of Chris and Wendy Webber

9.00am until 5.00pm.

Adults £6, Children, Concessions £3  
Family ticket (2+2) £15, Under 5's FREE

Craft & Food Marquees  
Countryside Area  
Vintage Machinery  
Grahams Hog Roast

Trade Stands  
Birds of Prey  
Fun Fair  
Bar

Hounds  
Ferreting Racing  
4X4 Vehicles  
Crazy Golf

For further information and details please call Lydia 07733325110  
[berkscountryfayre@gmail.com](mailto:berkscountryfayre@gmail.com)

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# HARWELL FEAST

MONDAY 27TH MAY

ENTRY BY PROGRAMME  
£ 2 IN ADVANCE  
From Local Shops

£ 3 ON THE DAY  
Children  
FREE

For more information contact  
[info@harwellfeast.com](mailto:info@harwellfeast.com)  
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**NVTEC Thames Valley**  
**Minutes of Annual General Meeting held 6<sup>th</sup> February 2013 at Englefield**

Members present: 24

1. **Apologies;** Richard Elliott
2. **Minutes of AGM: 1.2.12:**  
Confirmed.  
Matters arising: website no progress to report
3. **Chairman's report**  
The Chairman gave details of the year's main events, many of which were adversely affected by the weather. Annual dinner, Burghfield ploughing match, MERL, Dorset, Club ploughing match, Newbury Show, road runs. Waterlogged fields resulted in Woodcote Rally being cancelled for the first time in 49 years.  
The Chairman expressed his thanks to everyone involved in making a success of the year's events.
4. **Treasurer**  
Balance at 31.12.12 £5465.72. The Treasurer answered questions over the Statement of Accounts, which is filed with these minutes.
5. **Membership Secretaries**  
On 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012, we had a total of 145 members, but on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2013 the total members was 107. Membership details filed with these minutes. Along with membership renewals £155 has been received in donations.
6. **Election of new Committee**

The following Committee members expressed a wish to stand down: Andrew Townsend, Norman Bollon, Carol and Derek Yates, Ron Moore.

The new committee is:

Peter Fanshawe	Chairman
Pat Froom	Vice Chairman
Dan Wood	Secretary
Dave Fisher	Membership Secretary
Bernard Winnington	Safety
Roger Hannington	Treasurer

**7. Other business**

David and Janice expressed their willingness to continue organising the Club ploughing match and the annual dinner. Gary Cresswell would like to continue being responsible for our road runs.

Ron Moore, Outgoing secretary  
February 2013