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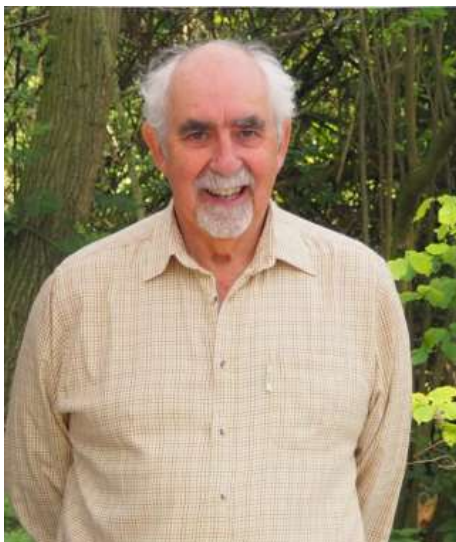
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**Cover Picture.
Field Marshal in its
"working clothes"**

From the Chair

September 2023



I have rather enjoyed our visits this summer. The visit to Kocurek in Ipswich was fascinating, Ray Debenham and his team made us very welcome at Coopers Farm Lawshall and the visit to Nethergate Brewery was a treat. I would like to say a big thank you to all our hosts.

We still have one more visit, to the Great War Huts in Hawstead near Bury St Edmunds on Wednesday 27th September at 11am. However, if you want to come and haven't let us know already, you better get your skates on as our hosts would like to know how many of us are going by 6th September. Details of this event elsewhere in the magazine.

We also have a packed autumn programme of other events. Firstly, on Sunday 24th September there is the Wormingford Crown Working Day organised by Messrs Chris and Jack Cousins. Contact Chris on 01206 241576

Secondly, we have the ever-popular Gt Henny working weekend, with a Tractor Road Run on Saturday 30th September

and Ploughing on Sunday 1st October. Entry form included with this magazine or contact Ken Bailey on 07702 202311

Thirdly, we are taking a stall at the Crossing Temple Barns Apple Day event. This is mainly to promote our society in that area and will consist of a display of a couple of tractors and a few stationary engines. However, it looks to be a lively event in a historic and interesting setting. So, it will definitely be worth a visit, further details elsewhere in the magazine.

Fourthly, by popular demand, we have been invited back to Coopers Farm, Lawshall for the second time this year, in October for a threshing demonstration. The date is yet to be fixed but likely to be at a weekend. We will have to let you know exact arrangements by email, website and Facebook when they are known. If you don't use any of these platforms you can phone or text me nearer the time. Ray and the team grow wheat for thatching and use traditional methods to separate the grain from the straw. We will also have free tea, coffee, sausages and burgers and a lot of chat.

In addition, we will have our usual club night meetings on Wednesdays 25th October and 29th November 8pm sharp at Halstead Town football club. Speakers TBC. There is also a chance of another ploughing day in November near Stansted Essex, watch this space.

Finally, don't forget the photo competition. It runs until 15th October. We still need those entries so please submit your images, anything to do with farm machinery, to rileytowers@blueyonder.co.uk It must be all your own original work but can be from any time, this year or in the past. The 12 most suitable photos make it into the calendar you will receive with the December Magazine. And £50 goes to the creator of the winning image.

From the Editor.

Magazine 167 September 2023

For more than twenty years I have been producing this quarterly magazine/newsletter and over this time we have seen huge changes both with the magazine and indeed with our Society. In the early years of my editorship the Society had four hundred plus members and the monthly meetings would regularly attract around forty to sixty members. Today, although we still have just under three hundred members the direct involvement has waned.

Going back to the magazine:- when I was cajoled into taking on the editors job life was very different. It was not at all unusual to have enough material submitted by members to fill the next two upcoming magazines. Admittedly the magazine was then more of a newsletter and was photocopied and not professionally printed and, the number of pages was somewhat less. Strangely the cost of production was not much different then, than today, which is no doubt, due to the technology and efficiency of the modern printers we currently use. (today's postage is hugely different !)

However, the material submitted for the magazine was so often hand written and sometimes in the most appalling hand writing. At the time I was still working and had a Secretary who was open to a bribe of a cream cake or doughnut to decipher the handwriting and type it up in her lunch hour into a format useable for the magazine.

For this edition of the magazine I was left floundering up until about two weeks before the deadline when after some pleading with our usual contributors I was able to put together what I hope is something of interest. The whole point is:- in this age of technology with smart phones, iPads, laptops etc surely you must have something to share with all other members. It is easy to rattle off a few words and pictures. Please just do it.

View this magazine on our website to see all of the brilliant pictures in full colour. Go to: www.fmgs.org.uk

May Club Visit to Kocurek (Ipswich)

Our hosts for the May club night, David Kocurek and his family, couldn't have made us more welcome. David's introduction talk



showed his great enthusiasm and engineering knowledge. His company, now 35 years in business, specialises in making large demolition machines among other things.

Basically they take very large excavators , take them all to pieces, weld on a lot more metal and replace the hydraulic rams with

larger versions which they make, bolt them all back together as much larger demolition machines and export them back to their customers worldwide.



We had a fascinating tour of the factory, thank you David, Mary and Rebecca. *(submitted by Terry Angland)*

2024 Membership Subscriptions

For several years the Society has managed to hold the membership subscription at its current level but now, in common with inflation and the general cost of living, we are being forced to implement an increase.

The cost of our Public Liability insurance for 2024 will increase significantly along with magazine production and postage. Meeting venue costs are due for an increase along with the cost of speakers as well as expenses associated with events such as our Crank Up and Working Day. Website costs are also increasing.

The Committee have discussed the matter at length and have agreed to an increase which only reflects the minimum required to maintain the Society and what it offers to members.

***Therefore, as from 1st September 2023
the subscription will be £23.00***

However, Junior Membership has been reintroduced for youngsters between the ages of 13 to 18 years.

Junior Membership will be just £12.00

We do apologise for having to increase the subscription but hope you will all continue to support the Society.

I receive several club Newsletters from John Couch, our Honorary Member in New Zealand, and among them I recently spotted this which could be the future for our own farming community. (editor)

A Fully Electric Tractor



Forest Lodge is a cherry growing business in Otago that is positioning itself as a 'concept farm'- 100% fossil fuel free.

This Monarch electric tractor was imported from California as part of this drive. It is apparently the only one of its' kind in NZ. The Monarch is rated at 40hp although it can manage 70hp for a short spell. The battery has an 8 year/ 8000 hr warranty. Under moderate load the run time is 14hrs. Price appears to be NZ \$220k . They also come as 'driver optional' models.



A 1916 Monarch 30-18 Neverslip tractor.

Monarch were bought out by AC several years later so the electric tractor must be a completely new company??

We all have our own opinions as to the value of electric vehicles and I wonder if they really do represent the future for a replacement of petrol / diesel vehicles. This all electric tractor appears to be a step forward but, having been in the motor trade all of my working life and towards the end being involved with electric vehicles and, having the realization the cost of a replacement battery pack outweighs the value of the vehicle I wonder if it really is the future. I think we can confidently say this tractor is unlikely to appear at a vintage rally in fifty years' time.

Your thoughts and opinions please. (editor)

Club Visit to Coopers Farm, 28th June

Terry Angland

I would like to thank our hosts Ray, Debbie, Luke and Michael for a wonderful display of unusual tractors and farm machinery for our club night at Coopers Farm.

A very relaxed and enjoyable event, we were made most welcome. Also special thanks for our Michelin Starred Chef, Arthur Catlin who kept us fed with burgers and sausages throughout the evening.

Already looking forward to the next event here.



Enjoying the evening

Activity at our club visit to Coopers Farm.



Ken Bailey cultivating and Arthur Catlin inspecting the work.

The club is always looking for interesting visits and Coopers Farm visit proved to be a great success.

If you are within East Anglia then why not make the effort to join us at regular meetings (Halstead) or even better join us for our outside visits.

Watch for details in the magazine but, always watch our Facebook page for up to the minute information.

Editor.



"Two burgers please Chef"
Arthur in charge of bangers and burgers.

In recent times we have seen a real increase in Tractor Runs with a mission to raise funds for charity and of course just have a great day out. Here is another report on a charity run, in aid of Abbess Roding Church and this time not only are the tractor drivers supporting the Church but the Church is supporting the run with the Vicar Reverent Robert Stone on board a Fergie

Abbess Church Drivers Challenge (ACDC)

A Farmer, A Vicar and an Accountant. Not the start of a corny joke, but with another 40 classic and modern tractor drivers plus some 30 classic and vintage cars plus a cream tea for good measure and you have a quintessential English Summer afternoon.

This was a Road Run held on the Sunday 4th June 2023 for tractors and vintage cars (separate routes) in aid of Abbess Roding Church.



Several FMPS members were part of the convoy that left Abbess Hall Meadow at 14-00 for an afternoon spin around the local countryside. We struck out across the disused Matching



Airfield past Mascallsburys on to Manwood Green. From here we made for Parvilles and on past Down Hall to Hatfield Heath. Here the road cuts through the outfield of the village cricket pitch where a game was in progress. (Tractors stopped play.)





Coming out of the village we made for Shrubs Farm where a small crowd greeted us. Going through the farm we travelled along tracks below Down Hall to Newmans End and Matching Hall.

We arrived back on the airfield at Rook Hall, where we were all treated to a brief presentation by Henry and Edward Rowe about the airfields history during the Americans' time there during the Second World War. Planes from Matching took part in the D-Day landings.

Returning to the start at Abbess Hall Meadow at about 16.30 a very good cream tea and cakes were on offer.



Thanks to Chris Metson and his team for the organization and to our pilot Chris Neall who set a good pace for all. A great afternoon was made even better by the fine weather. Always worth having a Vicar on the run!

Mark Riley

Many thanks Mark for another great write up and also many thanks to Nicola for the excellent images.

Perhaps this inspires more members to share what they have been doing with their old machines. (editor)

As many readers of this magazine will know I have long been of the opinion that we should escape from the purely “farm machinery” bubble and share other interests we may have.

Over the years the contributor of the following article (Martin Day) has given us many stories ranging from his purchase of vintage lorries, to a Fordson E27N to an early ‘60s Major to a classic ‘60s Mini to a BSA C10 motorcycle to a 1929 Morris Cowley and now to a Triumph GT6.

Earlier in the year Martin shared his story around the Morris Cowley which was an amazing car in good, but not good enough condition for Martin and I suspect not too practical to take out for a Sunday afternoon excursion to the coast. The Cowley has now given up its workshop space to a beautiful Triumph GT6 sports car. (editor)

Morris Cowley to Triumph GT6

Whilst stripping and varnishing the battery box on the Cowley I had decided to fit a battery isolation switch. Having done so and fully charged the battery I returned to the car two days later prepared to remove the dynamotor (combined dynamo and starter motor) to be sent away to a specialist for repair. The previous owner having told me it was faulty when I purchased the car. I noticed that having lent on the klaxon operating switch no sound was emanating from it, further investigation identified a flat battery, having been isolated after being fully charged, then it must need replacing. A new battery was purchased and fitted and to my delight when tried the dynamotor worked perfectly both charging and starting as it should.

A lucky break as I had bargained eight hundred pounds off the asking price to cover the costs of specialist repairs!

Work continued along the lines of cleaning, detailing and a few minor wiring repairs. Then a full service, very basic and different from my usual fare, each grease/oil nipple having its own metal dust cap some interference fit others screw on, change of oils including a first for me a car with a wet clutch. The drive to the dynamotor mounted on the bell housing is by chain the driving sprocket located on the crankshaft between the flywheel and the rear of the cylinder block. Early cars with traditional dry clutches suffered from oil leaks resulting in a slipping clutch so the decision was taken to change the design of the clutch to one that permanently runs in oil.

When all was done the poor paint on the bonnet began to annoy me more each time I looked at it. The poor finish being mainly due to dust having blown onto the wet paint when sprayed back in 1984 - It had to be attended to. The four section bonnet was quick and easy to remove and for the best results industrial paint stripper was used to remove all existing paint back to bare metal a rub down with 1200 wet and dry and it was were ready for painting - almost. First the top coat had to match to the existing car finish, but matched to what? I had stripped the bonnet of its paint and had no small panel to take to the paint suppliers, the only answer, remove a door and take that. After two attempts a perfect match was obtained and the respray completed. Worth all the effort it really finished the car.

I had been warned that starting and driving these early cars was different from all others, but the art of starting the engine was eventually managed and that just left the driving. The pedals were very close with the accelerator in the middle, interesting if you weren't thinking and pushed the middle pedal wanting to stop! I quickly learnt that one didn't stop with just rear brakes; the best that could be achieved was to gently come to a halt.

With the top down sitting in a leather arm chair on a hot June day I took to the country lanes of Suffolk, certainly a driving experience like no other.

Even concentrating hard the allowance for distance and time necessary to stop on today's roads was frightening, not helped by the modern motorist's lack of consideration and understanding.



After several such experiences I decided my era was definitely vehicles of the 1960's and after discussing the matter with a dealer contact who by good fortune was looking for a Morris Cowley for a classic car collector client. I decided on a part

exchange for a 1972 Triumph GT6 which he had just purchased from its original owner, with a verified 32,000 miles. The deal was done and my motoring jumped forward fifty years.



The previous owner had worked and lived most of the year in the Cayman Islands and had purchased the Triumph when in his early twenties in order to have a vehicle available when returning to the UK. The car being stored in his sister's garage.

In 1993 no longer requiring the use of the car, but not wishing to fully part with it, he loaned it to a friend and Triumph obsessive who kept the car in his collection under correctly controlled conditions for the next twenty eight years, eventually returning it to the owner in 2021. The car was then sent to a Triumph specialist to be recommissioned for road use and selling.

Upon receipt of the car I had to apply to the DVLA for a current V5C Registration Document and change of taxation class to Historic, this can only be done manually by form. The DVLA wrote back to me pointing out that with no logbook I cannot tax the car and therefore use it on the road and my insurers confirmed that with the car not being registered to me and not taxed my insurance if driven on the road would be invalid. The DVLA's letter also informed me that it would take six to eight weeks to process my application! Plenty of time to bring the Triumph up show condition!

Contributed by Martin Day.

STEBBING VINTAGE TRACTOR ROAD RUN 2023

Sunday 14th May, Rogation Sunday. Participants for the 10th Annual Stebbing Vintage Tractor Road Run assembled at Brazenhead Farm under leaden skies. Despite the slight chill in the air nearly 90 tractors with their drivers, friends, family and supporters were greeted with tea, coffee and excellent bacon rolls.

Cloud cover was too low for the Herts & Essex Air Ambulance to fly over. However, we were treated to a visit from 2 paramedics from the charity that the road run has supported from the first event in 2014.



They are pictured (above) with run organizers Dick Hughes, Mac Beanland & David Hunt whose farm we meet at.

Last year we raised over £13,000.

Freed from her catering duties the Rev. Janet Nicholls, our Agricultural Chaplin, reminded everyone of the significance of Rogation Sunday. She also mentioned the fact that the run was not only about the tractors and us, but was a whole community event bringing people in the surrounding countryside together. Many tractors displayed the Ukrainian flag, a reminder that not all people are as lucky as us today.



Mac Beanland

Following a blessing we left Brazenhead for Oxen End and then struck across country along hard and muddy tracks to Parkgate and on into Great Bardfield where we encountered the first welcoming crowds of the day. Leaving the village behind, our pilot led us to Waltham Cross and on into Wethersfield where again the inhabitants were out in force to cheer us on our way.

And so through tree-lined lanes not often travelled to the comfort break at Shalford Hall, where we were again treated to tea, coffee, biscuits and custard doughnuts (one of my

favourites). The sheer number of people who turned out to see the tractors led us to leaving the Hall a little late.

Going left handed from the Hall through Church End we turned right, up along lanes and byways to Jaspers Green, on past the Airfield to Stebbing Green and into the village itself. Stebbing did not let us down with the welcome we received. Gets better every year. Several deep outside the Kings Head and the White Hart, Residents had kindly provided an excellent cake stall outside the old Kings Head. (Cake, another favourite).



On through the village and the final leg of our journey. We set our caps for Lindsell, then past Holders Green and Bustard Green and so into the back of Brazenhead where we had left over 4 hours earlier. On the way round it was noticeable how little Rape is being grown this year. The Wheats and Barleys looked in quite good order considering the difficult Spring.



Dick Hughes

So ended another great event but not before we were offered Ham or Beef Salad and more cakes to round off the day. Thanks to Dick, Mac & David for all their hard work in organizing the event. Thanks also to all the drivers, veterans of all 10 runs and newcomers and all those in between. Helpers, bucket collectors, caterers and photographers who captured our memories, together with everyone else who made the day run so smoothly.

Looking forward to next year.

Mark Riley.

Many thanks Mark for the write up and, a very special thanks to the organizers. Almost ninety tractors entered is a huge achievement and no doubt a great spectacle for the public to enjoy. (editor)

Cressing Temple Barns

Apple Day 2023

Sunday 8th October 11am - 4pm

Admission £3 – Children under 18 free

The apples and juice on sale are from the Jubilee Orchard and



Walled Garden here at Cressing Temple. The Jubilee Orchard was planted near the Visitor Centre in 1993 to celebrate the late Queen's 40th jubilee. Nine varieties of apple tree, traditional to East Anglia, were planted. Of these nine varieties six originate from Essex. This is one of the most significant collections of traditional apples in the region. These trees are now

mature, an attractive site in spring, and a particular highlight of autumn is the harvest of apples for our Apple Day.

Attractions: Heritage apple varieties and apple identification
Freshly pressed juice available to taste and samples to take home. Plant sales, fruit growing, garden advice, fresh produce from the community garden. Tombola, raffle, dried flowers and books. Tea/coffee cake, Cider, local sausages, Indian snacks, cheese and pie stall. Willow weaving. Cactus display. 20 craft stalls. Children's Garden Trail

Entertainment

Companye of Merrie Folke, Essex Horns, Compasses
Sessioners, Gemmas Farm.

Promises be a very good event for all the family

FMPS Photo Competition Closing Date Extended to 15th October

This coincides with the 55th anniversary of the FMPS so let's make it memorable.

Send images via email to Nicola Riley at
rileytowers@blueyonder.co.uk

Please mark them "Competition"

They will be judged by Nicola and fellow photographer Liz Croxson, Chairperson of the Moulsham Camera Club.

The best 12 pictures will be used for the FMPS 2024 Calendar and all pictures submitted may be used on our website: www.fmps.org.uk

And, the overall winner will receive a £50.00 store voucher of your choice.

CLOSING DATE 15th October

As the closing date is a little sooner than we would prefer it has been decided that pictures taken by members at previous years events will be accepted. But, these must be YOUR pictures and, please remember digital images only, no prints or similar as these cannot be used.

**Join us on September 27th (11am start)
on a visit to the**

Great War Huts Museum

Great War Huts at Brook Farm Camp is a ground-breaking First World War museum and visitor centre in the heart of the Suffolk countryside, in Hawstead near Bury St Edmunds.



Built on a four and a half acre site, the original plan would have seen eleven replica wooden barrack huts built to provide a lecture theatre, exhibition and display space to tell the story of the First World War in a fresh way.

However, the discovery of an original Recreation Hut in Ipswich, which was due to be demolished, changed everything. The eleven huts will all now be original buildings, constructed over a century ago to house the servicemen and women who served during the war.

The huts are all different and show many types of construction. Some have been dismantled from across the country and

others found within a few miles of Brook Farm Camp. All of them are being restored to their original condition using the methods, tools and materials of the time.

Once completed Great War Huts will provide a unique setting in which to learn about the personal, military and social history of the conflict.



All members and guests are welcome to join us on this fascinating visit.

**To register your interest call or email Terry Angland
07867 334084 email:- fmpsarchive@yahoo.com**

**The Great War Huts can be found
At Brook Farm Camp
Bells Lane
Hawstead
Suffolk
IP29 5NW**

Wormingford (Essex) Vintage Plough and Working Day

Sunday, 24th September

10:00hrs - 16:00hrs

Find us at :- CO6 3AB



Vintage Working and ploughing day to raise money for Essex and Suffolk food banks.

There will be Vintage and Classic tractors ploughing, stationary engines, historical static displays and stalls. Food and drink will be available to purchase on site.

For more information or Entry Form contact :-

Chris Cousins :- 01206 241576

or Jack Cousins email:- wormingfordploughday@outlook.com

FMPS Road Run and Working Day
Saturday 30th Sept
Sunday 1st October.

Courtesy of the Cracknell family

Saturday – The Road Run. 10.00am
Leaving Grove Farm Gt. Henny Nr Sudbury Suffolk

Find us at >> CO10 7LT

Sunday - The Working Day, also at Grove Farm.
Ploughing starts at 11am.
Static exhibits of “almost anything you wish to bring” to be in place by 10am.

Camping/Caravanning available for Fri-Sat-Sun nights.

All exhibitors must present Public Liability Insurance upon arrival.

Quality catering by Project 7. (great breakfast ! ed)

See the entry form with this magazine for full details.

Any questions:- Ken Bailey 07702202311

For Sale and Wanted

For Sale: 5 x Drainage Scoops plus pipe layer £30.00

28 Old Land Drain Pipes £25.00

Fordson Wall Plates by Michael Herring.

1. Model F
2. Orange Standard
3. Orange 3 wheel Standard
4. Green Standard N
- 5 Blue Standard N
6. Blue E27N
7. 1955 E1A New Major
- 8.1961 Super Major
9. 1953 County Crawler
10. Fordson Dexta 1958
11. 1963 Super Dexta
12. 1939 Model 9N
13. 1952 Model 8N



An example of a Michael
Herring
Wall Plate

Also by Michael Herring “The Old Mill” (water)

“Threshing” (steam)

£20.00 each, ono.

Contact Alan Dixey 07880 695280

For Sale and Wanted

WANTED:

A set of points for a Bosch type 22 magneto, as fitted to my Fairbanks Morse Z model 6hp or any information of where I could get some please.

Contact Anthony Scales. Email:- scaleso@aol.com
Or telephone :- **07775 505099**



This space could be yours to clear that unwanted item from under the bench, the one you have been meaning to move on for ages.

Advertise “For Sale and Wanted” in this magazine for free.

Are we up to date?

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**Have you changed your phone
number?**

***Have you changed your email
address?***

**We have email addresses which have “bounced back”
PLEASE ensure any changes are notified and *PLEASE*
clearly write the address on the membership form**

**Are there any other changes we need to be
aware of in order to ensure any communication
from the Society reaches you in a correct and
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Facebook

The FMPS Facebook Group is thriving

*If you have a
then the FMPS*



*smartphone, a laptop or PC
facebook group is for you.*

A facebook private group was created about a year ago which gives members the opportunity to join and immediately communicate with each other. Information, questions, comments, for sale/wanted can be posted only by members of the group.

Recent posts have a wealth of information about upcoming events, plenty of pictures of events members have visited and even some video to share with every member of the group.

Search facebook and find “The Farm Machinery Preservation Society” and look for the “Join” button. Suitable applicants will go to an Administrator who will approve it if you have a genuine interest in what we do. Not every facebook group member is a member of the FMPS but this does not mean they are not welcome if they have something to share we might find interesting.

The Group now has 270 members who have joined and shared some great posts and pictures of recent activities.

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September - December.

**Meetings at Halstead Football Club CO9 1HR
8pm (unless otherwise stated)**

**September 27th 11am (note time)
Visit to the Great War Sheds Museum
Hawstead Suffolk IP29 5NW**

**September 30th – October 1st
Great Henny Working weekend.
Tractor Run on 30th Working Day on the 1st
Great Henny. CO10 7LT**

**October ??
(date to be advised, watch facebook and our website)
Lawshall Threshing / Plough Day**

**October 25th
Talk by Jeffrey Giblin “A life at Earnest Doe’s”**

**November 29th
A presentation by Ann Grimshaw**

**December
No Club Meeting. It’s Christmas !!**

**Always check the WEBSITE www.fmfs.org.uk
and our Facebook page for meeting updates.**

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website along with back copies for past years**

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