



Harry Ferguson and Poppe at Brooklands 1929 in first "All Cream Car"



The **Ferguson Club**

President: Mr Jamie Sheldon

Notice of the
**24th Annual General Meeting
& Members Weekend**

of

The Ferguson Club

on

Friday, Saturday and Sunday

16th – 18th April 2010

in

Buckinghamshire and Surrey



Annual Members Weekend & Annual General Meeting 2010

The Officers and Committee look forward to welcoming Ferguson Club members to the 2010 AGM and Members weekend in Buckinghamshire and Surrey on Saturday 17th April.

Whilst Harry Ferguson is noted for his role in the development of the modern agricultural tractor, he was also the first Irishman to build and fly his own aeroplane, and for developing the first four-wheel drive Formula One car, the Ferguson P99.

The 24th AGM will be 100 years since Harry Ferguson became the first person to fly in Ireland when he took off on December 31st 1909 in his own monoplane, and what better place to celebrate this event than at Brooklands, the birthplace of British motorsport and aviation.

Saturday 17th April

The AGM will be held in the famous Edwardian clubhouse in the Chequered Flag Room.

Built for the Brooklands Automobile Racing Club (BARC) the clubhouse retains all the history and ambience of its 20's and 30's heyday. In 1947, the building was even occupied by Barnes "Bouncing Bomb" Wallis as part of the Vickers-Armstrong Research and Development Department.

The Museum now displays a wide range of motoring and aviation exhibits ranging from giant racing cars, motorcycles and bicycles to an unparalleled collection of Hawker and Vickers/ BAC-built aircraft, including the Vickers Wellington bomber recovered from Loch Ness in 1985 and the British Airways Concorde, G-BBDG. There are also many other civil and military aircraft there including a Vickers Vanguard, Viscount and VC10. The majority of these exhibits were built at Brooklands or have close associations with the site. The actual VC10 on display was built and first flown at Brooklands and after airline service with British United and later British Caledonian Airways, became the official VIP transport for the Sultan of Oman. It was retired in July 1987 and donated by the Sultan of Oman's Royal Flight to the Brooklands Museum.

We are hoping to get P99 (The Ferguson Formula 1 car from 1961, courtesy of Mr Jamie Sheldon) up to Brooklands for all to see.

Prior to the AGM we will have an introduction talk by Mr Allan Winn, Director of Brooklands Museum Trust.

Following the formal AGM we will have a guest speaker providing more interesting insight into Harry Ferguson and his life.

You will have plenty of time to explore the rest of the museum and drink in the atmosphere that reveals the secrets of Brooklands - the place where the great British adventure in speed and altitude all began.

For those wanting a change from tractors, planes and automobiles, we have

arranged an alternative trip to the flagship garden of the Royal Horticultural Society, Wisley. Gifted to the Society in 1903, Wisley has evolved over time into a world-class garden and captures the imagination with richly planted borders, luscious rose gardens and a state-of-the-art new Glasshouse. Those wishing to attend the alternative Wisley event should indicate their preference on the booking form.

A coach will run from Brooklands to Wisley and will return back to Brooklands later in the afternoon.

Once back at the hotel, the Ferguson Club Merchandise stand will be available from which you can buy your Ferguson gifts and souvenirs.

There will also be raffle tickets for sale. **Please bring with you any items that are suitable for raffle prizes.** All proceeds will go to the local Air Ambulance.

The Gala Dinner is booked for the main private dining room of the hotel starting at 2000hrs prompt. A cash bar will be operating from early on for those wishing to catch up on the day's events beforehand.

We are very fortunate to have two interesting talks after dinner. The first is on Harry Fergusons' flying adventures. This will be co-presented by the research author Jack Woods. Jack was co-author of the recent excellent book on this subject entitled, "Harry Ferguson, Before the Plough".

Peter Warr, who you may remember worked closely with Mr Harry Ferguson, will be recounting his own anecdotes from this later period of Harry Fergusons' life. I'm sure that these two talks will make fascinating listening for us all.

Sunday 18th April

Transport from Latimer Place Hotel to the private Matthews Collection of Agricultural Machinery, near Tring is organised. The Matthews Collection is a wonderful selection of vintage machinery. From a Ferguson Brown Type A, including various combines, all types of vintage tractors to retired RNLI lifeboat tractors. If the weather permits some of these will be running in the adjacent field for all to savour this vary rare sight.

After this fabulous opportunity to see vintage equipment in action we will retire to a local pub with real ales and a warm fire for lunch.

The alternative trip is to Waddesdon Manor – The Rothschild Collection - A wonderful National Trust property. Waddesdon Manor was built in the 1870's for Baron Ferdinand to house his superb collection of 18th century art treasures. A French Renaissance-style chateau it has one of the finest Victorian gardens in Britain, an Aviary and Wine Cellars. A separate coach will run to Waddesdon Manor from the hotel, so please ensure that you are on the right one. Lunch will be a cash option at the Manor restaurant. For further information see www.waddesdon.org.uk

The coaches for both options are planned to get us back to the hotel at around 1400hrs. The 24th Ferguson AGM/AMW will then draw to a close.

Annual Members Weekend & AGM 2010 Itinerary

Friday 16th April

Latimer Place Hotel, Latimer, Chesham, Buckinghamshire, HP5 1UG
Tel: 0844 980 2312, Fax: 01494 762 473, latimer@deverevenues.co.uk 1930 hrs:
An informal get together and a hot fork evening Buffet.

Saturday 17th April

Brooklands Road, Weybridge, Surrey, KT13 0QN

Tel: 01932 857381, www.brooklandsmuseum.com

0830 hrs	Transport from Latimer Place to Brooklands (30miles) in a comfortable coach
0930 – 0945hrs	Arrival at Brooklands Museum. Tea and Coffee on arrival
	Transport for the alternative trip to RHS Wisley has been arranged to depart from Brooklands at 0955am
1015-1045 hrs	Welcome by the Director of the Brooklands Museum Trust – Mr Allan Winn
1100 hrs	Annual General Meeting
1200 hrs	Guest Speaker(s) - Memories of Mr Harry Ferguson.
1230 hrs	Finger Buffet Lunch, Tea and coffee, plus limited cash bar.
1315 hrs	Brooklands Museum to explore
1630 hrs	Meet up with RHS Wisley coach and return to Latimer Place Hotel
1900 hrs	Merchandise and Raffle Ticket Sales desk open
1930 hrs	Pre dinner drinks (cash only)
2000 hrs	Gala Dinner, in Private Function room at Latimer Place Hotel.

Dinner Menu consists of:

Tomato and Basil Soup
Ribeye of Beef, Yorkshire pudding and roast jus
Creamed filled Chocolate Profiteroles or
Sticky Toffee Pudding with a vanilla sauce
Coffee and mints

Pre-Orders for special dietary requirements on
Event booking form

Guest speaker(s)

Presentation: Harry Ferguson - The Aviator, by **Jack Woods** – Author of “Harry Ferguson – Before the Plough.” Supported by Gary Anderson.

Peter Warr – Personal anecdotes of working directly with Harry Ferguson in the automotive world.

Entertainment.

Sunday 18th April

Dundridge Manor, St. Leonards, Tring, Hertfordshire. HP23 6BN

The Matthews Private Collection of Agricultural Machinery

0930 hrs Transport to the Matthews Collection (6 miles) and the alternate trip to Waddesdon Manor leaves the Latimer Place Hotel (two coaches)

1000 hrs Arrive at the Matthews Collection - Dundridge Manor
Transport on the alternative trip to Waddesdon Manor, Near Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire. HP18 OJH - will depart back to the hotel at 1330 hrs.

1230 hrs Lunch (at local pub - real ales and home cooking).

1345 hrs Coach leaves pub back to hotel.

1415hrs The 24th Ferguson Club AGM/Annual Members Weekend closes.

Annual Members Weekend Event Pricing

Package Option	Day	Price per person
Evening hot fork dinner buffet	Friday evening	£18
Return transport to Brooklands and RHS Wisley from the DeVere Latimer Place Hotel	Saturday transport	£12
AGM Brooklands including day entrance to museum exhibits and lunch	Saturday event including lunch	£15
AGM only	Saturday 1100-1145hrs	Free
Alternative trip to RHS Wisley (Lunch facilities available to purchase on day)	Saturday alternative	£8.50 RHS Member free entrance
Evening Gala Dinner DeVere Latimer Place Hotel A 3 course dinner, details of which are above	Saturday Gala dinner	£30
Return transport and entry to the Matthews Tractor Collection from the DeVere Latimer Place Hotel Via local pub in Tring for lunch	Sunday event including lunch	£16
Alternative trip return transport from hotel to Waddesdon Manor	Sunday alternative	£9
Alternative trip entrance to Waddesdon Manor –Rothschild Collection (National Trust). (Lunch facilities available to purchase on day)	Sunday alternative	£12.30 NT Member free entrance

Contact: Gary Anderson on **07740 173225** or **garyaa@technocom.com** with any questions before or during the weekend.

Annual Members Weekend Accommodation Options

The Club has negotiated an excellent deal with the Latimer Place Devere Hotel, Latimer. We have secured an inclusive group rate of **£45 for single occupancy and £60 double occupancy** both rates **include** breakfast and VAT for the standard rooms. (Booking code **CPFECB**)

The booking system is now open at the hotel and anyone wanting to secure places can book places either on their website or by phone. If you go onto the website; <http://www.deverevenues.co.uk/find-venue/latimer-place.html> you pick the day(s) you require and then enter the booking code in the promotion code box. That will bring up the required date.

There is a room upgrade available for an additional charge of £15. If you wish to upgrade or book by phone you will need to contact the hotel reservations team on **01494 545550**, quoting our booking code.

The Friday night evening get-together and the Saturday evening dinner will be held at Latimer Place. This is also the pick up point for the coaches.

Directions to Latimer Place



By Car:

Exit the M25 at Junction 18 take the A404 towards Amersham. After 2 miles turn right, signposted Latimer and Chenies. Proceed through Chenies Village and after 1 mile turn right at the crossroads, signposted Latimer. Turn left at the Village Green proceed up the hill. The entrance gates to Latimer Place are 50 yards on the left.



By Train:

Chalfont & Latimer station is five minutes by car from the Centre. The station is on the Metropolitan tube line and BR's Chiltern line connecting into London Marylebone. Taxis should be pre-booked from the station by calling Reception on (01494) 764422.

By Air:

Both Luton and Heathrow Airports are approx. 24 miles.

There are also various hotels and bed and breakfasts in the area, see options below;

Bed & Breakfast

The Bedford Arms

Chenies
Rickmansworth
Herts
WD3 6EQ
Telephone - 01923 283301
Fax - 01923 284825
Email - contact@bedfordarms.co.uk

Travelodge Hemel Hempstead

Wolsey House
Wolsey Road
Hemel Hempstead
Hertfordshire
HP2 4TU
Tel: 0871 984 6036
Fax: 01442 266887

Caravan / Touring Parks

Highclere Farm
Newbarn Lane
Seer Green
Beaconsfield
Buckinghamshire
HP9 2QZ
Tel: 01494 875665 OR 01494 874505
Fax: 01494 875238
E-mail: highclerepark@aol.com

Further information can also be found on www.amersham.org.uk/tourist/

Annual General Meeting 17th April 2010.

Agenda to be considered at Brooklands; 1100-1200hrs

This part of the day is for current and paid up members of the Ferguson Club.

- 1) Apologies for Absence
 - 2) Minutes of the 2009 AGM
 - 3) Matters Arising
 - 4) Chairman's Report
 - 5) Membership Secretary's Report
 - 6) Treasurers Report
 - 7) General Secretary's Report
 - 8) Election of Officers for 2010-2011
 - 9) Any Business notified to the Secretary in accordance with Rule 30 and declared competent by the Chairman at the Meeting.
 - 10) Venue and Date of the 2011 AGM
 - 11) Chairman Closes Meeting.
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