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50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations- November 2015

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## **Editor's welcome**

Welcome to the second addition of Ancient Iron for 2014. We are a little later than **planned getting this out because we had a computer "hiccup" but trust that you will enjoy the contents.**

We are almost through the cooler months of the year but this edition shows just how much activity there has been over this period, which is reflected in the size of this newsletter. Owing to the size of it we have not been able to publish all the articles and **photos given to us. We'll endeavour to get these into the next edition.**

The December addition will be the last of the year so please forward any interesting articles for publication.

*Jocelyn Burnett*

## **Welcome New Members**



**Sandra & Raymond Welburn**



**Trevor Collins**

Welcome to our new members who are keen to get involved with MVFM. In fact they have already been busy around the Park. Sandra and Raymond are keen to help with displays in particular Raymond would like to update our website and Sandra is interested in digitising some of our many publications in the library.

Trevor has kindly restored the Farmall Cub he is seen on in this photo above. He has done an amazing job which he completed within 3 weeks and 150 dedicated hours .

Trevor would like to acknowledge the following businesses who contributed time and materials to this restoration.

**Bridgestone Tyres**

**Auto Electric City**

**Riverlands Sandblasting**

**Alapa**

**Marlb.Motor Trimmers**

**Andrew Lusty Trading**

**Imagine Signs, Spring Creek**

**Paint Co. Nelson**



## David Stone

We missed David in our last issue but here he is sitting on his very tidy and original International BT6 crawler that has only 3900hrs on the clock from new.

David has been married for 37 years to Lin and they have three adult children and one grandchild. He has spent all his working life associated with farming, starting as a young man working on a farm before studying farm management, valuation and

commerce at Lincoln and Canterbury Universities. David and his family have lived in the Greta Valley area since 1979 where he ran his own business and a 300 hectare farm. He sold his business interest in 2011 and his farm last year. After spending many a holiday in Marlborough David and his wife moved to Koromiko and currently enjoy living on the top of an 8 hectare hill.

The tractor belonged to family friends in North Canterbury until David bought it about 10 years ago. He used it on their North Canterbury farm until last year when they moved to Marlborough. Being a farmer David has always been involved with machines but this is the first time he has joined a club like MVFM.

We offer David and his wife Lin a warm welcome to our club. We are currently organising several social gatherings so we hope you can both join us for these.

## Mystery Machine



As we mentioned in our last edition we took this machine to several shows where it generated quite a bit of interest. Suggestions for applications ranged from a pasta maker to a wringer for socks !! **What we didn't know was** a person, after visiting MVFM from the UK, had already contacted

John Neal with some information regarding **it's uses and a website** which had the more modern photo of the same machine. This machine is a Sugar Confectionery Drop Roller Machine for making all manner of "Drops" - cough drops, acid drops, lemon drops etc. The Drop roller that MVFM has **was manufactured in the late 1800's by Joesph Baker & Sons** and as you can see the basic design of the machine **hasn't changed very much except for the method by which** the rollers are turned.

Tony Cantwell saw the drop roller at one of our displays and thinks there used to be one used in Blenheim by a business making confectionaries.

**It's** great to see just how interested some visitors are of our displays to the point where they source information about these items and pass it back to us.



## Cottage Restoration Update



The photos below indicate the considerable amount of time that has been spent on the wash room and dairy behind the cottage. A small team of volunteers have now completed the outside of these additions. Thank you to all. Another team have been keeping the gardens surrounding the cottage in a very tidy state, a credit to all involved. A big thank you to those who have made jam and donated books for the cottage fund. Also thank you to all who purchase the goods, without you we would not have the money to finance this project.

*Shirley Shefford*



## Profile - Ken Barr

It's not surprising that about 18 years ago Ken Barr became a member of MVFM as he has been working with machinery nearly all his life. He started working for the County Council after he left school and had several jobs including a stint at the Rai Valley Cheese Factory before working for Barry Gibson, saw miller of the Rai Valley. Ken was employed as a bushman, bulldozer operator and truck driver during his time with Barry. One of the trucks the company owned was a Leyland 400 which towed a double axle jinker made from a GMC truck. It was used to carry logs from the French Pass road, Tennyson Inlet, Opuri Valley, Turakina and the Havelock area.

Ken recalls that most loads were well over weight but **they didn't see much of the Traffic Dept back then, "thank goodness"!! After some time with the company Ken was asked if he would like to cart "Spar Logs" for the NZ Forest Service hauler crews in the Rai Valley.** Ken thinks he got this job because no one else was silly enough to do it!! After pulling this particular spar in the photograph below, out with a dozer to the road, **a Forest Service log loader loaded it onto Ken's truck. This is when the fun started. He would first of all have to tie it on with plenty of "rack chains" all the while wondering if he would be able to get the truck to steer properly because this spar weighed about eight or nine tons and was 90ft long!! Ken carted this spar from the Whangamoa Valley to the summit of the Rai Saddle. "No cops thank God"!!**

Once the spar was delivered to the site it was placed in position ready for the log crew to start cutting and hauling logs. Spare a thought for how the spar was raised to a vertical position and **then check with Ken to see if that's how they did it!**



Ken **doesn't** have the day to day stress of that job any more but spends a lot of his spare time at MVFM, in the new shed that he and Doris have built, helping out with club projects and the day to day chores of the Club.



This is an Orion wood and coal range that Ken thinks is about 100 years old. Bob Patchett from the Wood Workers told Ken it was in an old house that belonged to his father on South Street, Blenheim. So Ken went and picked it up. After many an hour using a rotary wire buff, elbow grease and a coat of **special paint it is looking like new again. I'm sure** Ken would love to show it to you, in its new home, on display in their shed.



Ken is photographed here with one of his more enjoyable projects which he picked up from Mr. **Malcolm Neame's property at Tetley Brook Rd, Seddon.** It was in very poor condition when both Ken and Ross Cooke picked it up. This Sunshine round bale lifter, which was made in Melbourne during the **1950's**, was designed to pick up round bales, although you could be forgiven for thinking it would pick up square bales as the photo shows!! Ken and Doris have done a great job with this restoration but said they received a bit

of **"back chat"** over it. With some perseverance they have turned it into a great display. **Ken doesn't have a lot of information about this bale lifter but John Simmons** believes Joe Robinson used one. If anyone knows of any other information about it they could get in touch with Ken.



This Massey Harris No.10 Side Rake was parked amongst some other old machines, where the new Heritage Building is now, with a small tree growing up through it. Ken rescued it and has now returned it to its former glory.

**In the background is another one of Ken's displays.**

## Thomas the Tank Engine



As we mentioned in our first issue Allison, Eddie and grandson Justin have been doing a great job providing what has become a very popular family activity on a Sunday. Their ongoing support in carrying out this activity and providing the petrol at their own cost is very much appreciated.



**Fishing Trip** Just a reminder that Ken Barr is still interested in organising a fishing trip and when he has a minimum of 10 persons he will book the trip. All members and their families are invited to join this outing. This trip is planned for the outer Queen Charlotte Sound and should be a good day out. For those interested please place your name on the notice board in the Denton Building or contact Ken himself.



**Roger Schroder** is another of our regular club members who likes to quietly get on with the job of displaying some of the many interesting items that MVFM has. Roger has been working on this corner of the Denton Building, with amongst other things, a collection of scales left to the club by the late Michael Swindells.

Not shown in this photo is a set of scales used to weigh horse jockeys.

# 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



Two meetings have been held in July and August of the Combined Brayshaw Park and Tua Marina Jubilee Committee. Meetings will now be held bi monthly until closer to the celebrations during Marlborough Anniversary 2015 (October 31- November 1).

The photo above shows some of the committee. Godfrey Earle and Ross Cooke were appointed joint convenors. Jim Cresswell was nominated as Treasurer with Peter Tester and Jeff Rowberry as co-signatories. Volunteers are being sought to convene the various Jubilee sections.

It has been decided that Brayshaw Park will be the venue with its central location and necessary room. Demonstrations of hay baling and threshing grain along with bread making, milking a cow, sheep shearing, wool carding and spinning, billy tea making, bee keeping/honey processing are planned for the two day show. Tractor, stationary engine and machinery displays will add to the overall success of this worthy event. An auction of surplus parts and/or a swapmeet may also be organised.

Each Club has put forward some funding to kick start this event. Sponsorship will be sort. Advertising will be needed. A dinner will be held on the Saturday night and a street parade to publicise the weekend will be organised for the week or day before the weekend.

The next meeting will be Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm in the Denton Building.

ALL WELCOME.

## Disposals



As mentioned in the last edition, this old Fordson E27N has been dismantled and sold for parts on TradeMe. We still have some items remaining like a good engine and radiator. A Club from Christchurch is interested in the engine and radiator for a restoration they are undertaking. We hope to have confirmation soon.

*John Burnett*



## Working Bee

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2014

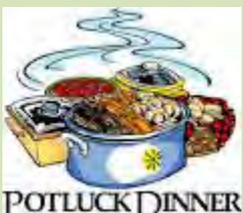


With heavy rain and wind outside **it wasn't looking very good to get too much done.** But after awhile a steady stream of helpers arrived and a start was made on sweeping and tidying up the central part of the Denton Building. The Marlborough Engine was moved from behind the Jelbar to a position where it can be seen and appreciated by everyone.

The photo above shows some of the helpers but many others helped out in different areas of the Club. A Big THANK YOU to all those involved.

As usual, there is never enough hours in the day to do everything so another date was set for a working bee, this time to do a general tidy up of the gardens surrounding the Denton Building. Once again the skies opened up and nothing was done. Green Fingers Composting have very generously donated several trailer loads of compost and this will be placed on the gardens in the near future.

## Pot Luck Dinner



At the end of the day a Pot Luck Dinner was held in the Clubrooms. Ken and Doris organised some light entertainment which was enjoyed by all those present. A wonderful selection of food was served along with some light refreshments. A great night enjoyed by all.



Allan Petersen was the winner of the **Mystery Raffle.....**  
A box of chocolates and 2 movie tickets.



## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Massey Ferguson 100 series

Ross Hamilton pointed out Massey Ferguson are celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 100 Series tractor this year. This was a very popular series which were first produced in 1964 and **continued until 1979 with over 250,000 135's alone being produced.** There were four models for a start which led on to other models being produced in great numbers. It was claimed at one stage that 1 in 4 tractors sold in the UK was a MF 135 .



Here Ross and Helen are using their MF135 to cart water to the newly sown grass further up the park that needs a good supply of water to keep it growing so it will be ready to be used for future Open Days.

## Open Day Displays

Hi Everyone. My hope is that all Club Members will read this and take it on board. It is not a lecture, it is an attempt to put things in your head to help you understand how things for Show Day and Open Days can be better understood by all Club Members and therefore be more help to activities **and ourselves as we go on**. I'm sure better understanding of how things operate will be encouraging for more fun and ease of operating, so a lot more satisfying all round.

**Taking into account the state of the Club's finances and people resources, we need to** be more individually responsible for how we do things.

For Example, The Club has decided to ask members to supply their own petrol and battery for whatever they decide to show and take responsibility for preparing it and showing it. It will encourage us to be proud of our Club and ourselves.

I feel a new energy will emerge out of us taking a more responsible approach to how we do things. That is not to say we **don't ask questions, for a start you will be encouraged** then left to get on with it. The Club will be grateful for your energy and enterprise.

**Godfrey Earle.**

## Keeping up with the Jones's

On a nice sunny Saturday you will often see Roger Jones at the Park on his motorised wheel chair. Roger enjoys getting up to the Park to have a look around, catch up with some of the other members and see how the restorations are coming along. For some time now he has been toying with the idea of building his own shed and then donate it to MVFM to house his many items of farm machinery. He still has many from the time he was a farmer at Lower Wairau, some of which he has already donated to MVFM. **After some time negotiating with MVFM Roger has got the "go ahead" to build a shed** on the south side of the loading ramp. It will be four bays long and **I'm sure he won't** have too much bother filling it up with some interesting items.

On this particular day Roger was taking a look at the proposed site of where his new **shed will be built. Now that he has the "green light" the shed is expected to be** completed by Christmas time. This will be a welcomed addition to the Club and another attraction on Open Days.

John Simmons and several other members have been busy getting the site ready for Roger's new shed. **When I took this photo I wasn't sure if he was so busy concentrating** that he **didn't see me take the photo or was a bit camera shy!!** Either way thanks for all your help John, on this project and all the other jobs we keep finding for you and your wee digger to do around the Park.



# Restorations



As reported in the last issue “Kate” is being restored back to her former glory. Jeff Rowberry, Peter Tester and Godfrey Earle are making good progress with the restoration so far.

This McLaren roller was bought new by the Blenheim Borough Council in 1926 to be used on roading projects around Blenheim. Due to a lack of council staff holding a boiler ticket it was decided to repower Kate with an internal combustion engine(IC) in **the early 1950's. WGG Cuddon were given the task of fitting a Lees Marine converted Ford 10 engine.** Jeff Rowberry commented it was a bit under power because Kate could produce about 4 NHP, which would be equivalent to approximately 28 IC hp so the little Ford 10 engine (10hp) would have struggled!!

Some time ago members of MVFM removed the old Ford 10 motor and fitted a small Nissan motor in its place and incorporated with it a hydraulic drive system.

Kate has now been dismantled to remove the previous power plant and to carry out repairs before reassembly using parts that will once again see her with a full head of steam. Some of the parts that are required to produce steam will need to be manufactured using copies from other machines but Jeff said some of the items could still be purchased however they do come with a hefty price tag!!

It will be great to have some steam back in the park again **which I'm sure will be** another great attraction.

While Ted Hutcheson was away relaxing in Scotland, Alan Petersen, Bruce Davies and **Alan McWha decided it was time to take a break from restoring David Brown's!! Ken Barr found this old horse drawn Potato Raiser which was manufactured by Corbett & Sons in Wellington, Salop, England. While we can't find any information about this particular model on the internet there is a lot of interesting stuff about the company itself. From what we can gather this machine was manufactured about the turn of the century or even before that. When the lifter was first bought into the workshop it was complete but some parts were broken. Well done you guys. Another piece of machinery**



ready for static display or perhaps we should plant several rows of spuds so we can demonstrate it. Who would like to volunteer as a horse??!!

This potato lifter was kindly donated to MVFM some time ago by Mr. J G Holdaway

Peter Hart is another one of our enthusiastic Club members. While Peter lives some distance out of town he still comes to the park just about every Saturday to continue with his projects (some think he only comes for the scones at smoko time!!). Peter has volunteered to display the many chainsaws MVFM has on open days but at the moment he is slowly restoring this rather interesting Australian built **two stroke “Chapman Twin Pup”** which he thinks would be about 8 – 10 hp.



They were made in either single or twin cylinder configuration but had several unusual features. This is a two stroke with crankcase compression transfer but it also has an oil filled sump!! The main bearings are white metal about three inches long and are lubricated by grease cups. Whether or not it requires a two stroke petrol/oil mix Peter is not sure but will need to find that out before he can start it. The bearings need to be set up using shims to get the correct clearance. Another unusual feature is the high voltage sparking system. While it has a magneto it also has a distributor for the two plugs. Peter said **he hasn't seen** another set up like this before and is looking forward to setting up and timing the system!! It also has an external brass plunger water cooling pump on it. Parts **aren't a problem to get for it and** Peter said there is a website in Australia with quite a bit of information available on it. The engine was donated to MVFM by Smoky Collins.



With some help from Ian Le Grice and Graeme Shefford , John Neal removes the last set of gears so the transmission case can be cleaned and inspected.

John Neal and Ralph Gillespie have been making steady progress with the restoration of the Hanomag crawler. This is a big project and John reports that the transmission is now stripped down, cleaned and awaiting inspection to determine what parts are required to start reassembly again. Ralph is on the look out for another engine after the

motor he had lined up for the **crawler won't quite fit in**. The chassis of the crawler will also require some major rework. If anyone is interested in helping with this restoration **then I'm sure John and Ralph would be keen to hear from you**.

## Acquisitions

Thanks to Bernard Mason & Jim Donald who at very short notice went out to the old Okaramio Hotel to retrieve the rolled verandah roof & mural before it met the demolition digger!! The club hopes to use these items in the future around the park.

### Caterpillar D4



This D4 7u has been kindly donated by the Ryan Family of Seddon. More about the history of this machine in the next issue

### Massey Harris No 8 Seed Drill



A work colleague of John Burnett's mentioned that his father in law, Don Cromarty, had sold his property in the Omaka Valley. The family were clearing out the shed and asked MVFM if they would be interested in some of the old items that had been used on the property. We were told there were some old wheels and axles available so we went and had a look. As it turned out these items would be of more interest to the Vintage Car Club. They were notified and the following day they picked up the items. But in the shed was a

Massey Harris No.8 seed drill that could be ours if we wanted it. This drill was originally horse drawn and had wooden spoke wheels. Don said he purchased the drill **from Mr.Higgins of the Wairau Valley in the mid 70's when he bought the Omaka property**. He used it to sow a green crop between the rows of grapes up until 1996. One warm Saturday afternoon in July John Burnett along with Ross Cooke and one of his Allis Chalmers tractors brought the drill back to MVFM.

Thanks to Don Cromarty for **donating another piece of Marlborough's farming heritage** to MVFM for both the present and future generations to see on display.

## Mike's Mowers & Chainsaws



The photos above tell the story! Mike Gardiner from Mike's Mowers and Chainsaws has kindly donated on permanent loan a trailer load of chainsaws to MVFMS. These have been collected over many years and come in all shapes and sizes. Some of our members had been talking to Mike and he mentioned he was intending to put this collection up for sale on TradeMe. Fortunately they have made their way to us.

**Peter Hart is seen hear scratching his head, no doubt wondering "what the hell are we going to do with all of these" but Peter has kindly offered,** with the help of several other members, to set up a display of these chainsaws which will be of great interest to members and visitors alike.

Thank You to Mike for this very kind donation.

## **Marlborough Lines Sub Station, Murphys Road.**

Marlborough Lines have approached MVFM to coordinate Open Days for the public to view these big engines being run. These generators along with the Waihopai Power Station played an important part in Marlborough's economic development. Come along and read all about the history of this interesting display and how the Scow Echo also played a part in it.

Open Days are to be run every three months for a gold coin donation to MVFMS. Tours can be arranged at other times for any interested groups. A small but enthusiastic group of people enjoyed the last engine run. The next Open Day will be Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Contact John Neal for further details.

Marlborough Lines Sub Station in Springlands which houses the two big diesel engines and generators.



The six cylinder two stroke, Harland – Wolfe to the right of the photo and the six cylinder, four stroke **Paxman with it's alternator and excitor** are a sight and sound not to be missed when they fire into life!!

Being a two stroke diesel, the Harland – Wolfe has only one big exhaust valve.



## Articles From The Past

We found several very interesting articles floating around the Club which we thought may be of interest to other members.

**It is interesting to note that the Club was “Battling Time and No Cash Visitors”** way back when Norm Brayshaw and his small group of volunteers first started gathering items for Brayshaw Park. It seems not a lot has changed!

**It was way back in 1964 that the idea of a “Field Museum for Farm Machinery”** was proposed and the article below talks about the estimated number of items of equipment that might be displayed in such an area. I wonder if anyone has taken a count of the number of items we have today!!!!

A copy of the 2<sup>nd</sup> newsletter of MVFMS is also attached for your interest , I wonder who Step Toe was??? Enjoy the reading.

SOUTH ISLAND TRAVEL

## BATTLING TIME — AND 'NO CASH' VISITORS



Above: They got back at two in the morning with this one. . . Beverley Brayshaw and husband Norman (right) discuss the renovation of an old dray cart with Bill Buckley, one of Blenheim's small but dedicated group of "Beavertown volunteers."

## Field Museum

For Farm

Machinery

1/12/64

The Marlborough Historical Society proposed to proceed with a suggestion made some time ago that a field museum be established to assemble the old agricultural implements which were lying around farms in the district, the secretary, Mr N. H. Brayshaw, said this morning.

Mr Brayshaw said it was estimated that a three-acre area of land would be required to adequately assemble and set out the exhibits. Housing would be required for some, and shelter trees for others.

The Society was hopeful that it would be able to obtain at a reasonable rental a suitable area of land within a five-mile radius of Blenheim, he said.

Mr Brayshaw said that from his observations at least 200 items of equipment could be assembled almost immediately the block of land was available.



Ian le Grice (seated), treasurer Marlborough Vintage Farm Machinery Society and Bernard Mason, president, by the 1913 Mogul tractor, a forerunner of the International Harvester.

Photo Tony Orman

## Newsletter No 2

MARLBOROUGH VINTAGE FARM MACHINERY SOCIETY INC.

March, 1974.

Dear Member,

This newsletter is the first for some of you, the second for others. We hope this, like future publications will keep you up to date with the activities of the Vintage Farm Machinery Committee.

Brayshaw Museum Park is becoming well known and the number of visitors to the park is increasing every month.

All organisations are working well, improving their own areas.

Since Christmas, tractor and stationary motor sheds have been built. These sheds only need the doors and netting erected to be completed. The mill shed has been extended towards Maxwell Road and the walls have been covered. The doors for this shed will be large, we haven't decided the best way to construct them as yet.

A blacksmiths shop has been erected and will soon be set up with the various items we have.

To break the monotony of all the silver sheds, the two small sheds are being painted green and the mill shed barn, red. The blacksmiths will be left with rusty iron as it will look more authentic this way.

A donation well has been erected on top of the bank. This has been made from dray wheels welded 18" apart so they stand upright. Donation wells are made of 1½" pipe and attached to each side of a wheel. Since its erection at the end of January over \$10-00 has been collected. This is going to be a painless means of raising finance.

Until now, all the trees for timber have been donated from the Wairau Valley area where we are able to have them milled free of charge. Our society appreciates Mr Woolf doing this for us.

We are collecting all the second hand iron we can, as we find this is the cheapest way to cover the walls of the sheds. Our committee considers iron is worth about 10c a foot, if we have to remove it from a building.

There has been a large amount of iron used, as the floor space of the sheds erected to date amounts to 12,000 sq.ft.

Collection of machinery is still progressing satisfactorily but a shortage of trucks does not let us do this as fast as we might wish.

We have been lucky in obtaining a set of blacksmiths bellows from Mr K. Stringer, Church Valley, Wakefield. These bellows were brought to New Zealand by James Hoyle Stringer in the 1860s and are in remarkably good condition.

A motor from Mr R. Halliday, Kiri Bay, has recently been collected. The make Nonpareil, being made by John Robson, Yorkshire. This motor is indeed rare and unusual.

Does any member know where we might obtain the following items:-

Mc Cormick Deering Binder prior to 1950 complete - or the following parts, Butt packer leather belt. Sheaf carrier. Rod to adjust sweeps.

Two 11x26 rear tractor tyres (these tyres are not made now).

Second hand iron - any quantity.

If you can help us with any of these items please contact any of the following:-

Norm Brayshaw Phone 4427

Ralph Denton " 7002

Ken Anderson " 746 Wairau Valley, Not R.D., Blenheim.

We are including membership forms with this newsletter, the idea being that you may be speaking to, or know of someone interested in becoming a member of the Vintage Farm Machinery Society.

Going around the district procuring items for the society makes me feel like that man in the popular T.V. show so I'll just sign my name as,

STEPTOE.

## Heritage Marketing

Left to right are Ian Conway, Tom Hood, Jim Campbell, Steve Austin & Craig Wilson during a recent visit to MVFM



For sometime now several of our heritage & tourism organisations have been commenting about the need to better coordinate the marketing of our heritage attractions. Steve Austin has taken the initiative and through some funding from the Marlborough District Council has organised several seminars for interested parties. The first seminar at the Marlborough Museum to discuss some of these issues took place on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September. At very short notice Steve managed to get over 20 interested groups together. This included a complete representation from all the clubs of Brayshaw Park and other tourist operators from around the Marlborough area.

Steve Austin approached Craig Wilson from Quality Tourism Development to come up with a marketing plan for all the heritage organisations in Marlborough. Craig gave a very interesting talk and insight about tourist numbers, both domestic and international, also spending habits and trends. After the meeting he met with Park administrators who pointed some of the issues facing Brayshaw Park and discussed some of the ideas put forward by them. This was followed by a tour of MVFM by members who showed Craig around our display and discussed some of the challenges that face the Club. Like a lot of our visitors Craig was surprised at the quantity, variety and stories that go with these items the club has and thinks we have a lot to offer tourists visiting Blenheim.

A further meeting was held on the 24<sup>th</sup> September with David Wilson, a consultant for developing Heritage Tourism, who has also been invited by Steve Austin to participate. David gave an interesting presentation which focused more on the clubs and tourist operators and how we can all work more closely together to work through some of the challenges facing the organisations.

Follow up meetings are planned and we are all confident that a workable heritage tourism plan will come out of these discussions that will benefit all concerned.

***John Burnett***

## Social Event

ALL members are welcome to an informal Film Evening which is planned for **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October** starting at 6pm. (Only a few time slots available)

To be held in the Garlic Shed, 305 Old Renwick Road (2<sup>nd</sup> driveway on the left after the 100km sign, going out of town).

Our host for the evening is Maurice Brown, a keen film buff, who will entertain us with a series of short films. We will be seated in a series of pre loved couches in a theatre-type area. We will kick off the evening with light refreshments and nibbles. There will be an interval with ice creams available just as we all remember from years gone by.

**“Carry Me Back”, set in the 1970’s around Spring Creek, Tua Marina, Ward and Wellington** will be among the films screened.

This is a popular venue for many groups and clubs who often go on a regular basis. Come and enjoy a relaxing, fun night out.

Cost for the evening will be \$10 ( \$7 for movies/tea & coffee + \$3 for nibbles).

RSVP to Jocelyn & John Burnett by 10<sup>th</sup> October to allow for catering.

Phone 5780437 or e-mail [Burnett.Family@xtra.co.nz](mailto:Burnett.Family@xtra.co.nz)



## Congratulations

Happy Birthday to all who celebrate their birthday in September, October and November.

## Illness

To any Club Members who are feeling under the weather at the moment either with a cold or something more serious, we hope that each day will bring an improvement and you will soon feel better and be back on the road to good health.

**Condolences** On behalf of MVFM I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Peter and Sue Tester on the recent **loss of both of their mother’s and** a sister in law. This will be a very difficult time for you both and your extended families. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

## Next Issue

If anyone has any articles that they would like included in the next issue of Ancient Iron please get in contact with me; my details are on the first page. The next issue will be out in December.

I would like to thank John for his huge input into the newsletter along with the many photos and knowledge he has of machinery-type things that I know very little about but which still interests me from the point of preserving things for future generations.

Until next time, all the best to our Club members and their families.

**Jocelyn Burnett**

## ACTIVE MEMBERS

“Are you an active member? the kind that would be missed?”

Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?

Do you attend our activities and mingle with the crowd?

Or just come from time to time then crow both long and loud!

Do you take an active part to help the club along?

Or are you satisfied to be the type to ‘just belong’?

Do you give suggestions when the club looks kinda sick?

Or just leave that to a few, then talk about ‘the clique’?

And when the programme’s scheduled, that means success is done . . .

Do you put your shoulder to the wheel and work with everyone?

So attend our club regularly and help with hand and head . . .

Don't be just a member but take an active part.

Think this over members . . . are you right or wrong?

Are you an active member? Or do you just belong?”

**Supplied by Doris Holdaway**

