



Small but perfect



A rare Fendt Farmer 3S four-wheel drive.



In the working area was another tractor name under the AGCO banner. Pupils from a Bovenden School had worked on a potato project and demonstrated what they had learned about this very important vegetable crop, its growing and cultivation. Here mechanical weeding of the potato rows with a Fendt as the power horse.

The show in Bovenden satisfied nearly every interest, especially fans of Ferguson and Massey Ferguson who were spoiled with the special part. Most Ferguson and Massey Ferguson tractors were displayed together with an implement.

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Every year there are various events in Germany where not only tractors are displayed but farming of the old days is particularly emphasised. During the past few years this development has spread in different directions as vintage and heritage shows now reflect so much. The working events out in the fields, where historical tractors and implements can be watched at work, characterise exactly what true tractor and implement enthusiasts expect when making the decision to exhibit at and visit a certain event.

The 5th tractor meeting on 22nd June, 2014 was an excellent opportunity to present the Ferguson family at Bovenden in a special display with various tractors and implements depicting and demonstrating the hitch-hook and hitch tipping trailer (see FoFH Heritage magazines No. 59 and 61). This is the perfect way to preserve the heritage of the genius Harry Ferguson, as the three-point linkage became a milestone worldwide in the development of agricultural technique.

Ferguson and MF enthusiasts Andreas

and Aaron Fraeter, Christian Behrens-Blumenberg, Erik Fülling, Joachim Köhler, Jürgen Renneberg and Uwe Schatz, as well as Werner Hungerland, displayed in their own area 12 tractors and several implements which included a plough, grubber, hay kicker and baler to name but a few.

Amongst the display were several TEF, TEA and TED models as well as an FE 35 'Golden Belly'. In the centre was an MF 35 with hitch-hook displayed with an original tipping trailer as well as an MF 387 with original tipping trailer. The red MF tractors included an MF 65 and several 100 Series lined up opposite the grey tractors. A French-built Massey-Harris Pony 812, together with a perfectly restored Hornberger rack wagon, rounded up the Ferguson story.

On three large display boards visitors could find information about the history of Massey-Harris, Ferguson and Massey Ferguson, about the old Ferguson hitch system and the modern AGCO tractors and MF implements. The very interesting restoration of the Hornberger rack wagon could also be seen through pictures.



They are all named Ferguson, starting with TEF far right up to the FE 35 "Golden Belly" on the left.

Bovenden tractor club member Jan Fragel, a professional radio journalist, gave an interesting commentary throughout the whole day. One part of the programme titled 'Talk beside the tractor' was an interview he made with the authors of this article about the development of the Ferguson three-point hitch.

Not only Ferguson and MF tractors were on display, but nearly every German brand was there so that the show presented a very diverse range of vehicles. The mixture of Oldtimer and so called Youngtimer from the 1970s and 80s made the event even more successful, it is so important to attract people with so many different interests. We noticed that the younger enthusiasts are becoming more and more involved and interested in Youngtimers.

Oldtimer and Youngtimer are German terms, we say 'German English'. In the UK you speak of vintage tractors (Oldtimer) and classic tractors (Youngtimer) and late classic tractors but in the end all mean the same.

It is also worth mentioning that a Lanz Ackerluft Bulldog as well as two Ursus tractors in original patina definitely attracted the eye, as did the various Hanomag, the R40, R45, R450 and R455 in original and restored conditions. For interested visitors it must have been a pleasure to have a close look at a perfectly restored Güldner G50, a Fendt Favorit 610S, a rare Fendt Farmer 3S with round bonnet or a IH 946A with front-loader in its original state.

In Germany it is quite rare to see tractors being displayed from outside manufacturers as you do in the UK; club member and collector Uwe Schatz



Throughout the day Joachim Köhler demonstrated his MF 35 and the original Ferguson Hitch tipping trailer which he still uses daily.



A line up of red starting with an MF 65, note the lighting equipment including direction indicators are quite different on German tractors compared to tractors for the UK market.

provided a splash of red colour as he displayed his British-built MF 65, his American-built IH Farmall H as well as an IH Farmall Super Cub built in France and his McCormick CD-324 built in Neuss/Germany.

In the afternoon a selection of tractors professionally presented by Jan Fragel formed a parade through the streets of the village. The variety of machinery at the

show, especially the MF display, was a great success for the club and its president Timo Lüdecke. The relatively young club of about 30 members welcomed around 3,000 visitors who enjoyed a little over 200 tractors and implements in both static and working displays.

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Every German brand from A (Allgaier) to Z (ZT303) was presented as well as a rare Fendt Farmer 3S four-wheel drive. The tractor produced in Marktoberdorf, which comes under the AGCO banner, was professionally restored and attracted great interest.