

## Military Vehicles

Section Stewards: Ian & Mandy Durrant

Following on from last year's superb range of entries, we have some outstanding new exhibits for this year's show, as well as many old favourites. For the first time we have a WW1 re-enactment group of guys and girls down by the main entrance road, and we are also pleased to welcome the Duggan Vehicle Collection with a range of military vehicles, kindly transported by Neil's Plant Hire, and which extends the range of armoured vehicles provided by Neil Whatling, who we are pleased to welcome back again this year. Neil will of course be giving public rides in some of his vehicles in the off road arena. So listen for the noise and come and experience the excitement of heavy Armour, talk to the re-enactors and while you're with us, drop in on the Thorpe Camp wireless group, just look for the aerials! Finally, the MV section team wish you a great Belvoir Castle rally.

1. Royal Enfield 350 Military Motorbike, Reg: GJH 891. Escort duties motorbike in markings of 79th Armoured Division. Owned by Mr D. G. P. Morse.
2. Landrover Lightweight Mk.3, Reg: YDL 793Y.. Used by 12th Regiment Royal Artillery 1982-1987, from 1987 to until disposal it was with Forward Vehicle Depot Recklinhausen, BAOR, Germany. Now marked up as 201 Battery Herts & Beds Yeomanry. Owned by Terry Wall.
3. Battalion Anti Tank Gun, 120mm rocket gun, built in 1954. The 180th gun in the series, test fired then served with unknown Commando Regiments, then to war reserve storage. In markings of 201 Battery RA TA. Owned by Mr T. A. & N. T. Wall.
4. BSA WM20, Reg: PTO 73G. WW2 Despatch Rider's Motorcycle, 6th Armoured Division. Owned by Mr J. Wright.
5. Willys MB Jeep Reg: TNR 186. Made under contract number SM2275 between 23/6/42 and 3/7/42, one of first 52,000 made. Served in British Army during WW2 as M4923366, subsequently numbered 78YH98. Sold off through the famous Ruddington sales in 1959 for £85. *Only attending on Saturday*. Owned by Mr D. Moore.
6. Austin Gypsy Mk4, Reg: CYY 366C. Ex-Civil Defence Force vehicle, 49th Brigade. Owned by Michael Smart.
7. Landrover Series 3, 109 FFR, Reg: A577 GAL. Ex-Parachute Regiment communications vehicle from 1984 until 2000, manufactured 1984. Markings for Parachute Regt. Fitted 24 Volt system for radio. Owned by Michael Smart.
8. Austin K9, Reg: ESU 519. First used as a cargo truck in 1954 but was refitted as a radio truck in 1968. It was attached to the 71st Yeomanry Signal Regiment and was demobbed in 1987. Owned by Michael Smart.
9. Volvo CO3 Radio Truck, Reg: S270 XAT. Ex-Swedish Army Radio-bodied Truck. 2978cc Engine. Owned by Mr A. Roffey.

10. Hummer, Reg: 473 SMX. 1985 Humvee M998, Ex-US Marine Corps. Owned by Mr S. Miksza.
11. GMC 7000, Reg: Q464 RFE. 1984-manufactured truck used for runway gritting. Very rare truck with 8000cc V8 engine. Owned by Mr S. Miksza.
12. Austin K9, Reg: CSK115. Released from British Army in 1990. It was used as a Mobile radio repair vehicle with a Scottish signals Regiment in Glasgow. 4000cc petrol engine. Owned by Harry Worth.
13. Land Rover, Reg: ALN 238B. Ex-National Fire Service (NFS) Land Rover Series 2A Station Wagon, ex-Home Office stored for 30 years. Owned by Mr R. Turpin.
14. Albion FT103IV, Reg: GSK 499. Mobile Workshop, demobbed from the army in 1976, spent some time on fruit farm before preservation. Owned by John Hazlehurst.
15. Ford GPW Jeep and trailer, Reg: WSK 195. With Tommy Atkins Group. Used in WW2, retired from MoD and sold off at Bicester, went to Falklands, found in a field by REME unit who rescued and restored it, 49th Infantry Division. Owned by Mr & Mrs C. Strong.
16. Mack 6x6 wrecker, Reg: XSL 684. US Army WW2 period recovery truck. Owned by Charles Pateman (2F).
17. Abbott Self-propelled Gun, Reg: FHJ 259D (TBC). 'Tanks 4 A Ride' Abbott Self-propelled Gun, mounting a L118 105mm Light Gun. Weight 16.5 tons, Rolls Royce multi fuel engine, 30mph road speed. Owned by Neil Whatling.
18. FV432 Armoured Personnel Carrier (TBC). 'Tanks 4 A Ride'. Carries an Infantry section of ten plus 2 crew, weighs 15.3 tonnes. Engine: Rolls-Royce K60 multi-fuel, producing 240hp. Road speed approx 35mph. Range approx 380 miles. This FV432 was built in 1969. 432's are still serving in Iraq. Owned by Neil Whatling.
19. Volkswagen Iltis Jeep, Reg: E276 WAV. 'Tanks 4 A Ride', Owned by Neil Whatling.
20. Ford GPW Jeep, Reg: UCJ 587. 1943 Jeep, modified for use as a stretcher carrier for airborne forces and for carriage in the 'Horsa' Glider. Was used in the film *A Bridge too Far*. Marked up as used by 1st Battalion the Border Regt, 1st Airborne Division at Arnhem 1944. Owned by Heavyhaul (Chelmsford) Ltd.
21. Alvis Stalwart, Reg: 797 UXV. 6.5 Litre petrol-engined amphibious cargo truck. Owner may bring alternate vehicle. Owned by Patrick Duggan (3F).
22. FH70 155mm Howitzer. Can fire a shell over 20 miles with rocket assist. Has its own engine to allow it to be driven into position. Owned by Mr P. Duggan.
23. FV432 Armoured Personnel Carrier, Reg: FWW 786C. 180hp-engined Personnel Carrier weighing 16 tonnes. Used to transport infantry into combat. Other versions used as command post, ambulance and mortar carrier. Still in use today in Iraq with additional armour plate. Owner may bring alternative vehicle. Owned by Pat Duggan.

24. Ford GPW Jeep, Reg: 198 XUN. Used in every campaign by the allied armies and even sent to Russia under 'Lend-Lease' agreements, the ubiquitous Jeep was the workhorse of the allied armies in WW2. Owned by Mr R. Draycott.

25. Bedford OLB, Reg: 332 MAA. 1952 lorry, 28hp engine. Purchased by present owner in 2007 from Reading where it had been used in films such as *Foyles War*. It was in a rough state and much work has been done and is ongoing. RASC Eastern Command. Owned by Jim Wilbur.

26. Austin K9, Reg: XSU 529. 1954 4x4 signals truck, served as a training vehicle with 8th Signals Regt at Catterick, disposed of 1982 at Ruddington. Purchased 1990 and restored by current owner, Mr R. Booth.

27. Daimler Ferret Mk2/4m, Reg: HVS 596. Armoured scout car, found in barn by owner and restored by present owner with Barry Dady, who both served on Ferrets in the Army. Vehicle served with various units in Northern Ireland 1967-1979. Rolls Royce B60 engine, max speed 58mph. Artillery O.P. Vehicle. Owned by Alister Constantine.

28. Daimler Ferret Mk2/3, Reg: 923 XUG. Armoured scout car, entered army service 1961, served in Germany and Northern Ireland. Powered by Rolls Royce engine. Owned by John Underwood.

29. Willys MB Jeep, Reg: SSV 950. Last owners were the Norwegian Army, rebuilt by present owner in 2003. Owned by Mr R. K. Allured.

30. MAN 8136, Reg: B17 WAR. 4x4 ex-Danish Army communications-bodied truck with a 5400 litre engine. Owned by Mr T. Emmerson.

31. Hotchkiss Jeep, vESJ 143. With 508th PIR Display. Owned by Mr R. Carlton.

32. Dodge WC51, vPSL 946. With 508th PIR Display, came from Norway in 1999 after being stored in a cave for 30 years, now completely overhauled. 782nd Ordnance Company, US Army. Owned by Robert Johnson.

33. BSA M20 Motorcycle, Reg: ARA 615G. These motorbikes were used by the British Army, some 8000 such machines being manufactured. A large number were smashed and left behind by the British Expeditionary Force during the retreat from Dunkirk in 1940. Owned by Mr Graham Cox.

34. Tommy Atkins Group. Tommy Atkins Society Living History Group, dedicated to preserving the memory of the British Soldier in WW2. The group portrays men of the 1st Battalion the Leicestershire Regiment, 49th West Riding Division in 1944/45. They are always keen for likeminded individuals to join. Presented by Robert Baker.

35. White M2A1 Halftrack, Reg: DAS 695. 1943 halftrack, M1 converted to an M4, converted again in France to Personnel Carrier, and again in 1962 to French Riot Control, released in 1995 to museum, sold in 2001, acquired by current owner and restored. Owned by Mr J. Needham (2F).

36. LandRover 101 Forward Control, vVFE 986R. Radio version of the 101. Manufactured 1976. Owned by David Pike (3F).

37. Landrover Series 1 80", Reg: CAU 59H. 1951 Short Wheelbase Landrover. Owned by David Pike.
38. Bedford OB, Reg: GTM 730. 1942 manufacture, 28hp engine, used as workshop. Markings for Lincolnshire Regt 49th Infantry Division. Owned by Mr D. Miller.
39. Dodge WC52 Weapons Carrier, Reg: PSL 987. With 508th PIR Display. Used by US Army in WW2 and later by the Dutch Army until 1999. In markings of 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division. Owned by Paul & Janet Bainbridge (2F).
40. Willys MB Jeep, Reg: NVS 261. 1943 manufactured. Owned by Mr & Mrs A. L. Ground.
41. Kampfgruppen Falaise. Living History Group portraying the 16th Luftwaffe Field Division and displaying German uniforms and equipment of their forces in Normandy, France, in 1944. Presented by Martin Pike.
42. Fordson WOT2H, Reg: MWA 860. 15cwt GS Truck. Built Dagenham 1944, sold by British Army 1949 to a Sheffield garage. Used as Breakdown truck until garage closed in 1971. Stood until 1986 when acquired and rebuilt from ground up by current owner. Rallied since 1989. Owned by Mr M. F. Ward.
43. Leyland Martian FV1121, Reg: USY 925. 1954 10-ton cargo truck. Rolls Royce B81 6500cc engine. 6x6 and just 3.5mpg! Formidable cross country performance, matched by an incredible thirst for fuel. They are well suited to bridging operations. Owned by Mr A. P. Cox.
44. Land Rover 110, Reg: G886 AVC. Service number 42KJ16, V8 GS truck fitted for radio. Part of the Thorp Camp Radio Group, 30 Signal Regiment. Owned by Gerald Greatrix.
45. Landrover 110 FFR. Fitted for Radio (FFR), ex-Racal Satellite Communications Vehicle. Owned by Gerald Greatrix.
46. British Army Field Kitchen. A display presenting a working British Army Field Kitchen and cook's shelter. Presented by Mrs June Greatrix.
47. Military Radio Display. Thorpe Camp Radio Group. Radio display from WW2 to the more recent Clansman radios which have just gone out of service with the British Army. Presented by Gerald Greatrix.
48. 508th PIR Living History Group. 508th PIR/2nd Armoured Living History Group. The 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment was part of the 82nd Airborne Division during WW2. They spent some of their training time in the Nottinghamshire and Belvoir Castle area. Presented by Gary Bainbridge (2F).
49. The King's Shilling. This Living History Group is portraying the British Army in World War One. Step back in time to 1915 and see British Troops dug in near the Belgian market town of Ypres. Find out about the uniform and equipment of the 'Great War', and what life was like. Presented by Mr Gary Bainbridge.
50. Bedford RL, Reg: SXF 278. 3486cc petrol-engined 3-ton truck, manufactured 1957, the type served for many years with the British Army, replacing the WW2

Bedford QL, until it in turn was replaced by the MK/TK diesel-engined trucks. Today the Army uses DAFs. Owned by Mr J Burton.

51. Willys Jeep, Reg: 531 UXV. 1955-built, with 9th United States Army Air Force, Western Desert markings. Owned by Mr S. Lloyd.

52. Bedford MJ Box Van, vQ599 JAH. Ex-MoD, had only completed 5,000 miles when acquired by owner. Owned by Mr P. Newton.

54. Leyland/Vickers Chieftan AVRE. Armoured Vehicle, Royal Engineers, based on the Chieftan tank chassis. This vehicle has served with seven different Regiments but never on active service. Owned by Patrick Duggan (3F).

55. Daimler Ferret Liasion, Reg: PSL 124. Ferret armoured scout car in its liasion (inter unit co-operation) guise. 4.5 Litre petrol engine, four wheel drive. Owned by Patrick Duggan (3F).

55. Alvis CVRT 'Sabre'. Combat Vehicle Reconnaissance Tracked (CVRT), based on the Scorpion CVRT, designed for high speed reconnaissance and patrolling, current version of this successful variant. Owned by Patrick Duggan (6F).

56. Chieftan MK10 MBT. 55-tonne Main Battle Tank, ex-British Army (and others) until replaced by Challenger. Leyland 750hp diesel engine, 30kph off road, 120mm gun, two 7.62mm machine guns, crew of four, front armour 120mm thick, turret 195mm. Note: awaiting confirmation at time of going to press. Owned by Neil Whatling.

57. Landrover Lightweight Series 3, Reg: KYB 598T. Possibly ex-3rd Battalion, the Parachute Regiment, 7th Armoured Brigade. Owned by Ian Wilson.

58. Landrover LWB Series 3, Reg: MGV 921V. Long Wheel Base Reconnaissance Landrover, possibly ex-2nd Battalion, the Parachute Regiment. Owned by Ian Wilson.

59. Landrover 101, Reg: NYA 153Y. Landrover Forward Control Truck, 3500cc petrol engine. Type used with various bodies as a GS Truck, Gun Tractor, Command Post, Radio Truck or Ambulance. This version with winch is presumed to have been used to carry Rapier missiles for launchers. Owned by Mr A. N. Gatward.

60. Saxon Armoured Command Vehicle, Reg: Q319 MAH. Tramps in Armour/East England Military Museum. Original Army registration 10KF55, armoured command post, Bedford 500 164hp engine, armed with a 7.62 machine gun. Other variants include Armoured Personnel Carrier, Ambulance and 81mm Mortar Carrier. Top speed 60mph. Has Royal Artillery markings. Owned by Mr S. Hindle (3F).