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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This month's report must start with the fact that the weather has been really rather nice, we have had some really good warm days running at the track and attendance on the G1 on Wednesdays has been approaching the 20's. Running has started early and ended late, in some instances double running on each track has been the norm. Now we have the new 'White board' we can also be more flexible on starting times, although keeping the slots to 30minutes.

This increased usage has put pressure onto those with new loco's or perhaps not so experienced as runners not being able to take their time getting going, to that end we have been organising 'trial' days also on Tuesday's. Now there is really no reason what-so-ever that the track cannot be used any day of the week, its built, it's there (please don't set fire to it!) just remember to ensure someone knows where you are in case you get into difficulties, even better try to run with another modeller present.

That last comment brings me nicely onto the new Health & Safety book. The council held an extra meeting and went through the proposed document so carefully prepared by Mike Chrisp and Nigel Griffiths. Quite a few alterations have been made and it has been passed on for further modification and improvement before coming back to the council for final study and approval, then issuing to all members.

I also attended the recent TSC meeting. You will find a report on those discussions elsewhere, but of note is the fact that the new storage containers are getting sorted out and the new roof will be shortly installed. The site is also being tidied and cleaned up. The new GL rolling stock has arrived and this is all putting pressure on secure, and non-secure storage space. From this you will realise that I must raise the question of storage of locomotives, running trucks and other ephemera on site. All active members can certainly store one, possibly two loco's but any more, especially non-working/used loco's and stock must I'm afraid be removed from the storage area & site in general as soon as possible. The same applies to various other pieces of equipment and other items. Please arrange this to happen immediately, if not you will be receiving a letter from the council explaining the action we will take to dispose of such items.

Be aware The Jubilee celebrations will take now place on the weekend of the 26/27th July. As previously stated this will consist of invited clubs and individuals. The G1 lads will probably hold an official G-T-G on the proceeding Wednesday. Catering will be laid on for both days at the weekend.

We are still looking for someone to take on the running of the birthday parties at Colney Heath. Again a volunteer, or two, would be most welcome, a rewarding job.

I will also remind you that the AGM is due on the 2nd May 2014. All the existing council will be standing for re-election, hopefully you will re-elect me again, as your chairman. But it is also a chance for members who do not regularly attend to meet the council members, have their say about their views on the direction the club steers for the next year and to meet other members for a chat etc.

Until next month, happy modelling.

David Metcalf

TREASURER'S REPORT

As mentioned in my last Treasurer's Report, the subscription rates for the forthcoming year are to be increased for full members and for senior members, with country membership and junior/student rates unchanged. This change was approved unanimously by members who attended the March General Meeting. You will find enclosed with this News Sheet a YELLOW subscription renewal form. Please take the time to complete all relevant sections and return it with your Membership Card, a stamped addressed envelope and your cheque, if applicable, to the Treasurer as soon as possible. If you already pay by a Standing Order arrangement, please, please, amend your banking instructions.

We are still trying to find a volunteer to organise stewarding and locos etc for Birthday Parties at Colney Heath. In the meantime, would members please read the section at the bottom of the renewal form regarding stewarding turns on Saturdays or Sundays and indicate if they would be happy to do a turn stewarding at a birthday party on a Saturday, if they get going again.

The Southern Federation Insurance scheme is now operated by Walker Midgley Ltd, and I have a supply of Public Liability Certificates available for any paid-up members, who wish to have a copy for the year commencing 1st April 2014 for their own off-site activities. If you wish to cover your models or workshop equipment etc, I have the relevant proposal forms available.

A reminder to all members who own and operate self-propelled road vehicles in any location to which the public has access, including roads, club sites, rally fields, parks, etc they must have Model Road Vehicle Insurance. This cover is a LEGAL REQUIREMENT and an application form can be supplied by Walker Midgley Ltd.

Finally, welcome to one new member this month,

Mr. Donald Thornton, who is interested in Locomotives.

Mike Foreman

Front cover: Canadian National 4-8-2 departs Woodside on the North American section layout at HQ Photo: Owen Chapman

Raised Track Report

The condition survey of main sleeper beams is almost complete and nothing nasty has been found, although some spans will need monitoring. Fine tuning of the rail super-elevation will progress over the next month. Meanwhile, great progress has been made by Dick Payne and new member Martin Cooper in transporting tons of scalplings from the Steaming Bay area to the new land embankment to surface the walkways. The loading of the wagon each trip being made effortless by the digger being available, whilst it was being employed smoothing the narrows.

John Riches has almost completed the installation of the new signals from Dingley Dell round to Camp's Cairn, so drivers will have to acquaint themselves with their new positions.

Mike Foreman

Loco Section Meetings

As usual they will be held on the third Friday of the month at HQ.

As usual, I'm short of speakers but the following have been arranged so far :-

- 18th April 2014 - Members Entertain

As usual we will take a break during the summer months and resume our talks on 19th September at HQ. Will a multitude of speakers please come forward!!!!!!!

Tony Dunbar

For Sale

Very large quantity of OO gauge equipment, track coaches, wagons, locos and accessories. Also some N gauge

Email the webmaster

Forthcoming General Meetings 2014

Unless otherwise indicated General Meetings are held at 8-10pm at our Legion Way Headquarters in North Finchley. All members are welcome and we are always happy to see friends and family attending. We hope for a good attendance to support our speakers. Please remember that many of the meetings depend on the Club to provide the catalyst for a stupendous evening. For information email the webmaster

4th April 2014

The Marine Section Entertains

Our own Peter Stern with anchor man David Lawrence will enthral one and all with an illustrated talk about the history of the boating pond, the toy boat regattas building both sailing boats and power craft. By the end of the evening we will all be joining the Marine Section.

Friday May 2nd The Annual General Meeting. This is a most important meeting where we summarize what great progress the Club has achieved in the past year. Where we plan for the future of the Club and where we elect members to take up various offices to run the Society for the forthcoming year.

Friday June 6th First Aid at Colney Heath and the World. Now that the evenings are getting longer, this is an opportunity to have a much needed talk about First Aid, including the new AED machine. All members and interested parties are very welcome. Members from the HQ that don't often venture into the countryside will have an interesting and useful time listening to information and advice on First Aid relevant to our hobby. (The will also have the opportunity to inspect the site) Verity Maclachlan will lead us through the mysteries of resuscitation. Remember the compelling talk and demonstration Verity gave at Headquarters last year?

Friday July 4th Visit to St Albans signal box. A treat for those who have been before and even more for those who are to be initiated. Route and timing from our own Jim Mac Donald.

March General Meeting

Work in Progress

By Derek Smith

Ian opened the meeting and welcomed the members present. A good turnout as is usual for this type of event. A fire Warden was appointed for the evening and Peter Davies circulated amongst the seated with his raffle tickets. A few announcements followed; Tony Dunbar mentioned the forthcoming Locomotive section meetings and their subjects (see News Sheet for latest info). Mike Foreman said a few words about the good progress at the track and the completion of the new bridge.

There were lots of models to see...

Keith (right) was first up with his model girder bridge. This of course was the model built to show how the full size bridge would look at the track once built. Keith described the design, the construction and talked about the purchasing of materials for the full size bridge and of the kind people who had donated money to enable the bridge to be completed. He thanked them for their generosity. We were shown pictures of the completed bridge on the big screen and he cross-referenced details with his model. The ground level track circuit is now complete and the first trains have run around it. The bridge took just under one year to build and 25 saw blades! Some off cuts of angle were used for handrail supports.



Dave Lawrence (left) showed us an engine, so far unfinished. Dave has to make piston rings for it next.



Mike Foreman (left) showed us a boiler that he had been working on recently. He had been silver soldering it up using two propane burners. One for general background heat and the other on the area being soldered. Mike has already built two other boilers and is one of our club boiler inspectors.



Jim MacDonald (above) is shown holding a new chimney for his Sweet Pea locomotive. This loco is often used at Fetes. Also to do with Fetes, Peter Davies (left) has found a small electric loco which is needed to assist at the Fete & Fair events at busy times. Purchased second hand, but reconditioned, from Compass House.



A break for tea (thanks Dave Lawrence).

Mike Chrisp (right) showed us his double acting pump designed with valve seats in the vertical in the hope that the balls will not stick to them during periods of non operation. The details of the pump interior could be seen with the CAD drawings projected on the big screen.



Les Brimson (below) showed us his Stuart Models Steam Hammer, made over a period of three years. Les said the model was made of 95% cast iron and he likes working with cast iron, and also likes to work on something a bit different.



Ian drew the raffle and various prizes were claimed.

Laurie showed the tiniest model railway that I have ever seen. Built into a small wooden box and intended to represent a passenger carrying 7.25" gauge railway on his 'N' gauge layout. The train moved via a 12 volt linear drive mechanism.

Jonathan Avery (right, top) has been producing parts for 'O' gauge rolling stock using a resin casting process. He showed us some of the items he had made and described the processes. He produces 'OO' items also. The photo shows detailing items added to the underside of a carriage.



Peter Badger (below) brought along his model of a Newcomen boiler. We had seen this before but Peter talked of the latest progress and described the operation of the full sized boiler.



Mike Hodgson (left) has made a replacement car door for his Morgan, a two seater open topped sports car. The original door had rotting wood and rusty metal with holes right through. The wood joints used in the replacement door were made with Scarf joints. Mike drew sketches on

the board and described the method of the '1:12' arrangement for the joints.

A busy evening, lots to see and think about, but most enjoyable. Ian thanked members for coming and thanked participants for entertaining us.

The March Loco Section Meeting

By Roger Bell (pictured below)

The title for the evening's presentation given by our own club member John Sandwell, was the 'Restoration of 6024 King Edward I', which was built at Swindon in June 1930. In 1957 it was reputed to have achieved 101½ miles an hour, it has reached 100 mile an hour on quite a few occasions and has covered 1½ million miles.



In 1972 "The 6024 Preservation Society" was formed and the locomotive purchased from Barry for £4,250. John, an engineer, became involved in 1979 and had no experience of steam until he joined the group at Quainton. Early in 1980 the boiler was taken off and the locomotive stripped right down to the chassis. Quite a few parts were missing, the connecting and piston rods, slide bars and all of the copper pipe work to name a few. In 1982 the cylinder bores were found to be in a bad state so a hand operated improvised honing machine was made which turned the sprung loaded honing blocks against the cylinder wall. Duck oil was sprayed on for lubrication. The work was passed by a BR inspector. The driving wheels were overhauled at Bridgenorth. Cracks were found in the boiler front tube plate so that and 800 stays were replaced.

Eventually a locomotive shed was built, track was laid into it and the locomotive was moved in with a Land Rover and a group of people. In 1988 a BR inspector passed the boiler and in the November the loco was towed up and down by another locomotive to check the motion. John did the pipe work and lubrication, a St Albans engineering firm turned up the pipe fittings, they had previously also made the boiler stays. The taper on the end of the piston rod was the wrong size so that where it mated with the crosshead it started to fret. The rod was sent away for re machining. Working parties at Quainton were alternate weekends, sometimes there were only three or four people working but as the job progressed more joined. When the loco was first steamed up the blower did not work. John found that the gasket he had made did not have a hole in it for the steam to pass through. The loco started working on the mainline in 1990.

We watched a video of the locomotive on the mainline; it was quite spectacular pulling up gradients with a heavy load and an enormous discharge of exhaust from the funnel. After the loco had been running for quite a time the centre drivers were found to be oversize and they had to be turned down before being re tired. Apparently when the locomotives were built at Swindon they would use the nearest set of matching wheel diameters. A shop at Quainton sells old magazines and books for raising money. John was working on the locomotive on his own one day, a visitor approached and said this is a good project, would £500 be useful to you, a cheque was received a few days later.

On a run back from Stratford upon Avon the locomotive hit a low bridge which took off the safety valve, it had passed under the same bridge in the morning on another track. Someone thought a bomb had gone off and called the fire brigade. They supplied the water to keep the boiler topped up until the fire was shovelled out. The locomotive was towed into Paddington by diesel. In 1995 it had its first overhaul which took 16 months; the locomotive was lowered to 13'1" to enable it to run under the wires. The height of the cab was reduced amongst other things. Air braking was fitted so it can now use air or vacuum selected by a changeover valve. Vacuum is used on preserved lines to pull their rolling stock. The second overhaul was carried out at Tyseley in 2002.

The third was started in 2012, the boiler has been sent away and the work should be completed in two years time. The locomotive will be reduced in width over the cylinders so that it can run on all routes. The frames have been cracked tested this time.

John has worked as mainline support crew for the locomotive during the 1960s; he is a member of the Vale of Aylesbury Model Engineering Society. Whilst hauling passengers on mainline steam tours water can be supplied from a road tanker company that will arrive and pump it up into the tender. They are fairly slick and will start filling the tender as soon as the locomotive stops.

We watched a video taken from the footplate of the locomotive on a run from Bristol to Exeter and then down into Dawlish, where the railway line runs next to the sea, everybody knows the spot. There were four crew, one fireman was opening and closing the fire doors while another shovelled the coal into the firebox with perfect timing. The driver was making constant adjustments while keeping a sharp eye on the road ahead and sparing time to wave to the bystanders on station platforms and sound the whistle, communication was at times by hand signals or shouting in each other's ear, there was occasional laughter. The speed was 70 miles an hour, the locomotive was rocking considerably, all the crew were concentrating on their task in hand, the responsibility and urgency could be read from their faces. We saw the blower open and the regulator closed, a brake application was made as we slowed down into the next station.

As the meeting closed we thanked John for his superb presentation, Tony Dunbar said John has a right to be very proud of his achievement in getting this locomotive from the breakers yard back into service.

Track Stewards - 2014

Please find below the Stewards rota for 2014 season. Please check when you are on duty and please add it to your calendar now.

If you can't make your duty, please find your own replacement; notify me so the published list can be amended and if at short notice please notify the Senior Steward for that week as well.

Please ensure you all sign in the running book, writing your name clearly as a report of members who do not attend is passed to TSC at the end of the running season.

Please email the webmaster

Thanks, Sue Rose

4 May 2014

Keith Bartlam - Senior Steward

Peter Badger.
John Beesley.
Jeffrey Bolton.
Peter Brown.
Derek Eldridge
David Jones.
Dave Rose
John Sandwell
Peter Weeks.
John West.

1 June 2014

Chris Vousden - Senior Steward

Aaron Brady
Mark Braley
Steve Coffill
Keith Hughes
John Johnston
Ashton Miles
John Mills
Derek Perham.
John Riches.
Robin Thorn

6 July 2014

Paul Godwin - Senior Steward

Robert Ambler
Roger Bell
Peter Brewster
Owen Chapman
Nicholas Griffin
Roy Hall

18 May 2014

Ian Johnston- Senior Steward

Gerald Ackroyd
Paul Bexfield
Roger Brown
Jack Edwards.
Rai Fenton.
Steve Jones.
Dave Lapham
Graham Price.
Rosemary Turner
Philip Woodward

15 June 2014

Nigel Griffiths. - Senior Steward

Brian Apthorpe
Malcolm Barnes
Graeme Brown
John Burden
Ian Buswell.
Richard Cross.
David Curtis
Andy Dyche
Peter Funk
Paul Godin

20 July 2014

Edward Kitchener - Senior Steward

Jonathan Avery
Mick Avery
Bill Bass
John Burden
Nicholas Gear.
Brian Lees.

6 July 2014 continued

Gordon Lawrence
Ian MacCabe
Peter MacDonald.
Peter Smith

3 August 2014

Roy Chapman - Senior Steward

Rob Brook
Geoffrey Burton.
Alex Chapman.
Maurice Heneghan
Tracy Johns
John Morgan
Dave Morgan
Derek Smith.
Roy Thompson
David Trigg

7 September 2014

Richard Payne - Senior Steward

Brian Baker
David Broom
Colin Davidson
Stephen Don
Peter Foreman
Adam Gorski
Anthony Mason
Jacqui Penny
Ken Simpson
Mike Woolsey

5 October 2014

TO BE ADVISED

Dave Chisnall
Peter Cook
Keith Doherty
Micheal Gibbs
Mike Franklin
Bryn Morgan
Lawrence Steers
Peter Stern
Keith Wakefield
Tim Watson

20 July 2014 continued

Jeremy Lewis
Peter Seymour-Howell
Mervyn Smith
Ron Thorogood

17 August 2014

Mike Foreman - Senior Steward

David Brand
Stuart Davies
Joe Featherstone
Derrick Franklin
Peter Fraser.
Peter Jenkin
Doug Kennedy
Roxanne Nickles
Colin Reeves
Dave Snellgrove.

21 September 2014

Mike Ruffell - Senior Steward

Graham Ainge
Graeme Brown
Graham Gardner
Dave Green.
Brian Looker
David Marsden.
Alan Marshall
Peter Precious
Sanj Raut
Colin Thomson

19 October 2014

TO BE ADVISED

Robin Barfoot
Peter Fox.
Susie Frith
Dave Lawrence
Alan Loosley
Ian MacCabe
Colin Rouse.
Peter Sheen
Peter Smith
Ron Todd.

IT'S A GREAT BIG THANK YOU FROM US

Many, many, many thanks to all those members, and their families, for providing motive power and rolling stock for 'Mr Grumpy's Birthday Bash! [I'm told that I am now a SEPTUGENARIAN, whatever one of those is!]

Not forgetting all the hard work put in to clear the site of fallen leaves and other debris, tidy up around the cable trench, and making the whole site a very pleasurable place to welcome guests to. Thanks to you all!

And the SUN SHONE!

It was the afternoon of Sunday 9th March 2014 and when we arrived on site to layout the buffet the air was already laden with that wonderful aroma, not of Peter Funk, but that heady mix of smoke & steam & hot oil & everything else that says: - 'This is LIVE STEAM!' and 'WE'RE ALIVE!'

And the SUN SHONE!

As friends, family and other guests arrived the locos and rolling stock were shunted into the station to await their eager passengers.

And the SUN SHONE!

The friends and family and guests all had rides around the newly completed Ground Level Railway and some used my electric loco and club trolleys on the raised track.

And the SUN SHONE!

The friends and family and guests and all the members and their friends that were there devoured the buffet.

And still the SUN SHONE!

The trains were still there, champing at the bit [or should it be POPPING THEIR SAFETYYS, to be off off and away with more passengers.

And still the SUN SHONE!

And then, as the sun still shining, sank slowly in the west, providing the usually glorious 'Tyttenhanger Sunset' it was time to put all the willing locos to bed and for all of us to wend our smutty and weary but very happy ways home.

And the SUN HAD SHONE!

Thank you so, so, so, much to everybody that helped out on the day and made it such a memorable event for us.

The Ground Level Railway took a good bashing and proved that all the hard work by the dedicated few had really paid off and made it into a great little railway with a great big heart!

From Irene and Robin, and friends & family, thank you so much to everybody who helped out on such a wonderful day, it couldn't have been beaten.

Robin Thorn



For Sale

Warco Lathe type WM180; Axminster Mill/Drill type 010061; and associated tooling.

3½ inch gauge Rob Roy, partially built, chassis, wheels, rods, smoke box, cylinder parts, eccentric straps etc., drawings, boiler material.

5 inch gauge Springbok, partially built, some rust, started 40 years ago, chassis, rods, wheels, valve gear, wheeled tender chassis, no castings or drawings.

Tool maker builder.

Offers email the webmaster

FOR SALE



Part built 3½ inch gauge GWR Hall Class. Working chassis, injector, axle pump, brake linkage, silver soldered boiler. Most castings and plate work required to complete the model are included. Carry box. Full set of drawings by AJ Reeves. **£1250**



Part built 5 inch gauge 'Butch' 0-6-0. Professionally built silver soldered boiler by A W Thorne. Hydraulic tested and certified to 180psi. Most castings and plate work to complete the model are included. Full set of drawings by Kennion of Hertford. **£550**



Part built 5 inch gauge Simplex 0-6-0. Copper silver soldered boiler, parts and castings, full set of drawings and 'Building Instructions' manual by Martin Evans. **£1000**

For more details email the webmaster



Above Norfolk & Western Class A no. 1218 coming up the main line on WUT3
Below Norfolk & Western Class J no. 610 and Class A no. 1218 both waiting to depart Woodside.
Photos Owen Chapman





Sunday morning working party putting a name to the face or a face to the name. Spring 2
Left to right. Peter Brown. (council member), Grahame Gardner.(civil engineer), Keith Derrick Eldridge, Brian Apthorpe, John Ritches. (signals), Ron Todd, Chris Vousden, OMAH MKII), Richard Payne, Roger Bell. (scribe for loco section meetings), Steve, Mi David Green, Don (new member), Jack Edwards, Mike Chrisp. (Safety and Teas)



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eith Bartlam, Mike Avery.(civil engineering), Martin Cooper, Mike Foreman. (treasurer),
en, Derrick Perham, David Harris. (site maintenance), Ian Johnston (vice chairman and
, Mike Franklin, Ron Price (boiler testing), Martin Kennedy, John West, Peter Jenkins,

GLR News

Hi everyone - 1st April already, my how time flies when you are having fun! Since joining up the G.L. track two months ago the crew have been busy maintaining and repairing the existing old track, re-levelling, re-sleepering, re-bushing points and taking the lumps and bumps out of some of the old track panels. This is the best we can do so if you pass comment that it is still not good enough beware you could find you will be asked to improve it yourself! Whilst on the subject of wobbly track, carriages and softly sprung locos, we the track crew had a long discussion about driver and passenger safety, it was generally agreed that we should do everything to protect the public and for that reason two proposals have been put forward; the first being that the club supplies drivers and passengers with crash helmets so as not to hit their heads when going through the tunnel! The second proposal is that the club should fit stabilisers to all locos and passenger vehicles therefore negating the wobble when going through the tunnel - I prefer the latter for hygiene reasons. Please let me know your thoughts. You know where I am, email, phone, or talk to me, your opinion counts.

Robin Thorn (on my side) took on the challenge of procuring some roof tiles and along with most of the crew, enough tiles were removed from the Old Moat House Welling to cover the new container roof, the job took most of one Thursday and Robin then had to return the 7 ton lorry used for their transportation - well done Rob and crew, all the club needs to do now is put them on the roof! With the safety of our members in mind and to do the job properly we are looking for a small tower or some scaffolding, if anyone has such an item we could borrow please let us know.

Robin confided in me that it was his birthday and asked if we could provide some motive power for his party. Yes I (we) said your secret is safe with me, I won't tell anyone you're SEVENTY thinking it would be the perfect test of Peter Cook's Passenger Carriages with the vacuum brakes and pump fitted by him. I asked Robin that to do things properly he should let the keeper of the clubs calendar know of his intentions just in case it clashed with any other activity at the track, he did and the question of braked carriages came up, to which quite a discussion followed about public passenger hauling. On the day I am glad to say all the rules were adhered to in respect of only using vacuum braked carriages for giving rides. Robin's family put on a lovely spread, the sun shone most of the day, not one incident or derailment occurred - all in all a great day was had by everyone. Cookies carriages performed splendidly pulled by Romulus, it was the first time ever that I have run with a vacuum braked set up - a very comforting feeling when rounding the bend onto the new land downhill stretch, with the regulator shut and relying on inertia to push you downhill. I was expecting my speed to pick up but I was pleased to find it did not as a

smidgen of vac was applied to check speed before we reached the bottom bend. This was also my first steam run around the now joined up track for some time. What a delight to start climbing under the elevated bridge up and over the new G.L. Bridge round and into the deep cutting and through the G.L. tunnel returning through the elevated bridge, climbing back towards the narrows onwards to arrive at Orchard Junction with safety valves lifting.

(Memo to the crew and everyone who had a hand I think all your hard work was well worth it I thank you all so very much)

To my mind the job won't be finished until the brick arch is on the Tunnel. Consequentially I have been talking to the owner of a garage whose concern was the 100 foot brick wall which blew over during that bad weather that we had a few weeks ago. He tells me that it is in the hands of the insurance and as soon as he knows he will inform me as to whether or not we can take them hopefully for nothing.

Update On bricks. Unfortunately the owner informed me today that work had started on the wall rebuild and the site had been cleared. Never mind we will have to get the money together somehow and buy them.



Where's the coal go?

Steaming Bay Project.

Many thanks to Graham and his apprentice spark Mike for juicing and lighting up the containers. We can now see what we are tripping over with ease, same goes for the G.L. steaming bays and Smallford Station. The installation of lights, switches and sockets looks very professional you should take this up for a living Graham. I'm sure you would do well at it.

NEW G.L.R. Passenger Carriages.

Saturday 14th March saw the arrival of some well overdue G.L.R. rolling stock, neatly painted with the clubs logo on. Please be advised that some running in and adjustments will need to be made and until we are satisfied with their performance - please do not touch or use without permission from someone who knows if the carriages are ready or not.



Many thanks to Allan Marshal and Mike Woolsey who spent a day of their time picking them up from Abbots Model Engineering Telford.

As ever in the muck

P Funk
G.L.R. Section Leader.

Agenda for the Annual General Meeting of The North London Society of Model Engineers 2nd May 2014

To be held at HQ Finchley commencing 8.00 PM

1. To open the meeting and receive any apologies for absence and to remember any member who has passed away during the past year.
2. To receive and approve the Minutes of the 2013 Annual General Meeting and consider any matters arising there from.
3. To receive the Chairman's report for the past year.
4. To receive the Treasurer's report and approve the Annual Accounts to 31st March 2013
5. To propose a vote of thanks to the Auditors and appoint two auditors for the next 12 months.
6. To propose a vote of thanks to the Officers of the past year and **to elect a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer for the next twelve months.**
7. To propose a vote of thanks to the Council Members and News Sheet Editor of the past year and to **elect five Council Members and a News Sheet editor for the next twelve months.**
8. Annual Subscription Motion for the AGM - **Annual Subscriptions to be increased for 2014-2015**
9. To transact any other business properly brought to the Annual general Meeting, notice of which shall have been received and sent to members 10 days before the meeting.
10. To close the Annual General Meeting.

Malcolm Barnes
Secretary NLSME



Minutes of 68th Annual General Meeting Held on 3rd May 2013 at Headquarters

Present:

27 members were present all having signed the attendance book for General Meetings.

Chairman David Metcalf declared the meeting open and called for a few moments silence and for the assembled people to stand in memory of Paul Lacey who had died since the last AGM.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from:

Ron Price, Derek Perham; Alan Marshall; Jack Edwards Keith Bartlam; Chris Dean; Grahame Gardener; Michael Dear; Tony Sykes

2. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the AGM meeting of 4th May 2012 were circulated via the Newsletter April 2013. The Chairman enquired if they could be accepted and a proposal that they be approved be taken from the floor. They were proposed by (A Dunbar) and seconded by (N Rudeo) the vote was in favour of the minutes being approved and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Chairman's report

The incoming Chairman commenced his report saying he that he had enjoyed his previous year as Chairman, but had the task of filling difficult shoes in

following David Harris as the Chairman of NLSME and he paid tribute to David's skills as a Chairman and as a person. David Metcalf stated that his main interests were Gauge 1 and Marine sections and that in both groups he found enthusiastic group of members. As Chairman he had made an effort to be involved and take an interest with the other sections of the society as what they were doing.

He congratulated all those who were involved in the Raised Track and GLR extensions and works at Colney Heath, the amount of work completed was amazing and the quality of construction was excellent and to have the Raised Track available for the first public day was tremendous, especially after the tree incident.

The amount of earthworks required made the site look like a scene from the past of expeditionary railway construction and during the worse winter for a long time the site seemed to resemble a scene from the Somme and the tasks ahead looked daunting however due to the immense efforts and time of all members, the facilities were first class.

He thanked all members for their support in the past year and reminded members that we are all in the one society even though there are sections we are always one society.

5. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer had circulated his report with the May News Sheet and commented that the HQ rent and lease situation with Barnet still remained unresolved.

He thanked members who had taken advantage of paying subscriptions by electronic debit, direct debit and standing orders.

After routine running costs had been taken into account the remaining surplus had been dispersed to major projects, the raised track extension, GLR extension, and Steaming Bay project plus a sum of money for HQ maintenance. Funds that had been donated to specific projects were ring fenced to be used on such projects and F & F funds specifically allocated to projects in accordance with the section member's wishes.

The money raised by the Fetes and Fairs has yet to be allocated and the Treasurer said that he would like to extend his personal thanks to those who have helped at the fetes and fairs in raising funds for the society.

The Treasurer commented that the Society funds were in a healthy position and can cope with any increase in rent that may occur during the year and there are sufficient funds held in reserve.

The Treasurers report was moved to be accepted by Mike Ruffell and seconded by Rai Fenton

The Treasurer expressed his thanks to the auditors, Jean Chrisp and Jim Robson, for their work in auditing the last year's accounts and suggested that having received their agreement to continue in the role for the forthcoming year that they be re-elected as auditors for the forthcoming year. The proposition was put by G Burton and seconded by Peter Stern and carried unanimously.

The Treasurer also commented that if there was any other member who would be interested in being an auditor it would good to have a reserve and he would help in training that person.

The Treasurer expressed his thanks to Peter Funk and Graham Gardener for their very hard work (working like Trojans) on the Raised Track and GLR and that work on the GLR had been sacrificed in order to complete the Raised track for the first public open day.

The Chairman David Metcalf on behalf of those members present made a proposal of a vote of thanks for the work undertaken by the Treasurer and for Jim MacDonald for his contribution organising the Fetes and Fairs.

6. Vote of thanks

The Chairman recorded his personal thanks to the officers of Council for their support over the past year and for previous years.

7. Election of Officers.

The Chairman David Metcalf stated that all the officer's positions on the council had nominated candidates and that there was only one nominee for each position, he therefore proposed that the following nominations be accepted.

NLSME COUNCIL Officer NOMINATIONS FOR 2013-2014

Chairman

Nominees Name	DAVID METCALFE
Proposer's Name	David West
Secunder's Name	Nick Rudoe

Vice-chairman

Nominees Name	IAN JOHNSTON
Proposer's Name	Ron Price
Secunder's Name	Jack Edward

Treasurer

Nominees Name **MIKE FOREMAN**
Proposer's Name D S Harris
Secunder's Name B K Bartlam

Secretary

Nominees Name **MALCOLM BARNES**
Proposer's Name Antony P Dunbar
Secunder's Name David Metcalfe

The meeting approved the election of the members nominated to hold officer positions on the NLMSE council

8. Election of Council members

The Chairman extended his thanks to the Council members that had served for the past year. A vote of thanks to the Council members was proposed by D Metcalf, seconded by M Barnes and carried unanimously.

There were only four nominees for Council membership not five.

Unfortunately a vacancy had arisen on the council since the closing date for the nominations as Peter Funk had withdrawn his nomination.

However Alan Marshall had offered to take his place, but was unable to attend the meeting as he was on holiday and required a proposer and seconder from the floor.

Jim MacDonald proposed Alan Marshall and Peter Funk seconded the nomination, which was accepted by the meeting

NLSME COUNCIL MEMBER NOMINATIONS FOR 2013-2014**Council Members (5)**

Nominees Name **NICK RUDOE**
Proposer's Name David West
Secunder's Name David Metcalfe

Nominees Name **GEOFF HOWARD**
Proposer's Name A.P. Dunbar
Secunder's Name M. Foreman

Nominees Name **TONY DUNBAR**
Proposer's Name Geoff Howard
Secunder's Name Malcolm Barnes

Nominees Name **PETER BROWN**
Proposer's Name David Harris
Secunder's Name Mike Chrisp

Nominees Name **ALAN MARSHALL**
Proposer's Name Jim MacDonald
Secunder's Name Peter Funk

The meeting approved the election of the members nominated.

The Chairman extended the thanks of the Society to N Griffin as News Sheet Editor. Nick Griffin, having given his agreement to continue in that office, was duly re-elected as News Sheet editor with a proposal from the Chairman, seconded by M Barnes

The Chairman also noted the meeting should record a vote of thanks to Owen and Rachael Chapman for their valiant work in organising the birthday parties which the meeting supported, but also stated that more volunteers were needed as marshals at these events to give adequate safety and supervision.

9. AOB

The introduction to driving course will run on 1st June 2013 at Colney Heath. Will all interested members please contact Peter Brown

Date of next AGM meeting: To be published
Minutes approved:

Chairman.....
Date.....



Above Norfolk & Western Class A no. 1218 coming down the main line through Porter with a loaded coal train bound for the power station at Richmond.

Below Canadian Pacific "Hudson" type locomotive leading a passenger train through Lima bound for Woodside.

Photos Owen Chapman



NLSME COUNCIL NOMINATIONS FOR 2014-2015

Chairman

Nominees Name **DAVID METCALFE**

Proposer's Name J L Judson

Secunder's Name John Dean

Candidates Statement

The year has been a busy year for the society, construction work has progressed well on the Tyttenhanger site, all this leading to this year's jubilee celebrations 'at the end of July. Much work will be required to see this event though to fruition. Also high on the agenda will be the new H&S regulations for the society. I feel we also need to plan further ahead to ensure the continuing financial security of the society.

Vice-chairman

Nominees Name **IAN JOHNSTON**

Proposer's Name Ron Price

Secunder's Name Jack Edwards

Candidates Statement

To give loyal support to the Chairman and the Council of the Society. Promote the aims and objectives of the Society. To support all sections of the Society and help further their aims and activities within the boundaries of the Society. To support new members to the Club and where possible appoint a mentor to familiarise them with the ways of the Society. My interests are model engineering in general in all its aspects. I wish to Society to remain the premier Society in the UK.

Treasurer

Nominees Name **MIKE FOREMAN**

Proposer's Name Rai Fenton

Secunder's Name Paul Godwin

Candidates Statement

I have held the position of the Hon. Treasurer of the Society for the past seven years. Before this I was one of the Society Auditors for both the Society Central Fund and the Tyttenhanger Site Fund. I believe I have discharged these duties in a diligent manner providing the Council and Tyttenhanger Site Committee meetings with detailed reports of our financial state of affairs.

I am willing to carry on with this duty for the forth coming year and to look forward with great enthusiasm the furtherance of the Society's activities and future plans for both Headquarters and at the Tyttenhanger site.

Secretary

Nominees Name **MALCOLM BARNES**

Proposer's Name Peter Brown

Secunder's Name Ian Johnston

Candidates Statement

Now that I have retired I have been taking model engineering classes at Northwest London College which I enjoy. My previous experience with lathes and mills was at university forty odd years ago. I am working on a 16mm loco and at college I am working on a 3.5" Jubilee. I have always been interested in engineering and being a member of NLSME for three years I thought it was time for me to play a more active role in contributing to and promoting the society. The NLSME is a well founded society covering all aspects of model engineering and I believe in the forth coming years we need to invest in our society, time and resource, and to ensure that it remains for the next generation of model engineers I would therefore like to again stand for the role of secretary.

Council Members (5)

Nominees Name **NICK RUDOE**

Proposer's Name David West

Secunder's Name David Metcalfe

Candidates Statement

I have been an active member of the Society since joining in 2004. For four years from 2005 to 2009 I was Editor of the News Sheet; between July 2011 and November 2013 I was leader of the Garden Railway Section and oversaw the construction of our shelter and organised the finance for it. I have administrative and practical computer skills which I have used to the benefit of the Society.

Like many railway modellers, I am interested in model tracks of all gauges, and am pleased at the developments in the 5in and 7¼in tracks on the 'new land'.

I am standing again for election as Council member as I feel that I can continue to contribute in a positive way to decisions that affect the future of the Society. My vision is to foster the general development of the Colney Heath site, to make it more attractive to members and visitors alike, and to encourage more young people to join the Society so that they can appreciate the pleasure that can be derived from mixing with like-minded people and building up modelling skills.

Nominees Name **Alan Marshall**

Proposer's Name M E Avery

Secunder's Name S Cuffill

Candidates Statement

As a member of the Council and Secretary of the Tyttenhanger Committee I can provide that essential liaison between both bodies. A number of years experience on both has been rewarding and as a keen member of the Society I am dedicated to improving the Society assets for the use of members and for the future.

Nominees Name **GEOFF HOWARD**

Proposer's Name David Green

Secunder's Name M.E Avery

Candidates Statement

It is my intention to stand once more for election to the Society Council. I will continue to represent members whose main selection of activity is based at Headquarters and to provide continued support when required to other sections both at HQ and Colney Heath.

Our society is one of the best of its type within the country with possibly the widest range of modelling activities undertaken by its members. To be a member of such a group is an honour and I hope that my continued input on the Council will help us to retain the momentum of being one the top model engineering societies of all times.

Nominees Name **TONY DUNBAR**

Proposer's Name Alan Marshall

Secunder's Name Peter J Brown

Candidates Statement

During my 25+ years membership of the Society I have had the honour to serve it at all levels from Council to Chairman.

Like many of you I find it impossible to attend the multitude of activities that are held each year by our various Sections and, instead, concentrate on only two. However, I do have an appreciation of the work and detailed engineering (of whatever form) necessary for their success.

Over the years I have been responsible for a number of projects at HQ, including the construction of the North American room and re-roofing the main hall and other parts of the building.

I am seeking re-election to the Council in order to be able to act as a point of contact for HQ and develop its use by all members.

Nominees Name **PETER BROWN**

Proposer's Name David Harris

Secunder's Name Mike Chrisp

Candidates Statement

I am standing to become a Council Member for the fifth year in order to try and repay to the society some of the pleasure and enjoyment I have derived from the club.

I feel privileged to represent the members. This enables me on their behalf, to be actively involved in the discussions on their various concerns and issues.

We at the NLSME are truly blessed with what can only be described as one of the most magnificent model engineering sites in the UK. I would like the opportunity to contribute to its further success, enabling us to go from strength to strength building on the efforts made by all the past and present members.

My aim is to continue to establish us as one or if not the best model engineering societies in the country.

Appeal for a Curator

What a strange request I hear you say...sit quietly and I will explain.

The observant members of the Club will have noticed that at the back of the Hall/Lecture/Meeting room at Headquarters is situated a large glass display cabinet. Stored within that cabinet and on top of it are a number of superb and interesting models which have deteriorated a little with the passage of time and with the ingress of damp.

I wonder if any member would be interested in reviving the models, recording them for posterity and perhaps writing a little on their history to go with the exhibits.

This could be a fascinating occupation especially if the area round the case were cleared of junk so that the contents are clearly displayed.

Perhaps a newer member of the Club would be interested where the research into the origin of the models and their mechanisms would give him or her a good grounding into our fascinating hobby.

Form an orderly queue please!

Ian Johnston (Vice Chairman).

NLSME – Ground Level Railway operation of Passenger cars

Approved by TSC 18th March 2014

The operation of passenger cars on the ground level railway for the purpose of pulling “public” passengers shall be in accordance with the following:

1. “Public” is defined as any person(s) not being a member of the NLSME or invited guest(s) of a member or NLSME and not being a member of another model engineering society under the Southern or Northern Federation affiliation.
2. The requirements apply equally to 7 ¼” and 5” gauge trains.
3. A train consisting only of a locomotive having a coupled driver’s car with a capacity of one passenger only may have a public passenger provided the driver’s car has any means of braking under the control of the driver.
4. A train consisting only of a locomotive having a coupled driver’s car with a capacity of more than one passenger must have operational vacuum brakes under the control of the driver.
5. Any train consisting of more than one coupled car must have operational vacuum brakes under the control of the driver and carry a guard on the rear passenger car.
6. Any train where the driver is seated on a coupled tender or on the locomotive and the passenger cars are coupled to the tender must have operational vacuum brakes under the control of the driver and carry a guard on the rear passenger car.

The reason for the above is to reduce the risk of an accident that might result in litigation against the Society, the driver or the owner of the stock in use or any or all of them.

Alan Marshal
TSC Secretary

Notice of the Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the North London Society of Model Engineers will be held at its Headquarters Summerfield Road, Legion Way, North Finchley on 2nd May commencing at 8.00 pm.

📖 Dates for your Diary 📖

Tuesday 1 April	8.00pm Council Meeting; HQ, Legion Way, North Finchley
Friday 4 April	8.00pm General Meeting; Marine section entertains, HQ; Legion Way, Nth Finchley
Tuesday 15 April	8.00pm TSC meeting; St Mark's Church Centre, Colney Heath
Friday 18 April	8.00pm Loco Section Meeting; Members Entertain; HQ, Legion Way, North Finchley
Friday 18 April	Deadline for copy to Editor for May News Sheet
Friday 25 April	8.00pm Workshop meeting; HQ, Legion Way, Nth Finchley
Friday 2 May	8.00pm General Meeting; Annual General Meeting, HQ; Legion Way, Nth Finchley
Sunday 4 May	2.00pm first Sunday Public running
Tuesday 6 May	8.00pm Council Meeting; HQ, Legion Way, North Finchley
Sunday 11 May	9.00am First Toy Boat Regatta, Colney Heath pond.
Sunday 18 May	2.00pm Sunday Public running
Tuesday 20 May	8.00pm TSC meeting; St Mark's Church Centre, Colney Heath
Friday 23 May	Deadline for copy to Editor for June News Sheet
Sunday 1 June	2.00pm Sunday Public running
Friday 6 June	8.00pm General Meeting; First Aid at Colney Heath, HQ; Legion Way, Nth Finchley

TSC Notice

Members are reminded that any personal belongings including locomotives and rolling stock that are stored at the Colney Heath site are not insured under the Society insurance.

Alan Marshall
TSC Secretary

Every Wednesday	Garden Railway Section at Colney Heath (11am - 4pm); O, OO and HO Model Railway Groups and Video Group at HQ (evening)
Every Thursday	GLR working parties at Colney Heath (all day); Slot Cars Section at HQ (evening)
Every Saturday	Working parties on GLR including junior section (all day)
Every Sunday	Morning working parties at Colney Heath (start 9.00am).

NB. Please notify Mike Chrisp of all meetings and other Society events for inclusion in the Society Calendar. Approval for special events still rests with Council and/or the Tyttenhanger Site Committee.

