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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

"CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS"

It is my pleasure to remind you that the jubilee weekend of the 26/27th July is getting very near and we will need as many helpers on site as we can get, remember the old saying "many hands make light work". This is going to be a super weekend. Loads of invited clubs will be attending, many G1, GR, 3½", 5" & GL loco's will be in steam. Hopefully lots of rides will be available to members, their wives and families, and let's not forget the grandchildren.

If you are a society member, perhaps not a regular attendee at Tyttenhanger, this will be your chance to come and see what is done on site, also to come and join in the camaraderie that a society like ours can offer to members and their families.

What do we need volunteers for? Well for a start to help Nigel prepare the site some days beforehand (cutting grass etc.) but also to tidy up after the event. All those bags of rubbish have to go somewhere!

Over the weekend we will need plenty of stewards to help with car parking, steaming bays, track marshalling etc, etc. It would be great if we also could muster loads of lady helpers to give help with the tea's and catering, also of course with the victual's! No homemade cakes, buns or biscuits will be refused consumption.

Let us do everything in our effort to make this a memorable weekend not only for our guests and visitors but also for us members so we can all look back on it with pride. Remember to bring your camera, perhaps we could ask the video group to produce a commemorative DVD of the event for us?

I write this at the end of May, by the time you read this I will have just returned from holiday wondering around the Orkney Isles. I wish you all "Happy modelling"

David Metcalf

Front cover: Roy's new big red train
Photo: Peter Funk

TREASURER'S REPORT

We are still short of a volunteers to run the Birthday Parties this year, but as a change we are hosting a BBC Academy 'producer' training session on the 15th and 17th July. The latter day being when the film crew will be doing their stuff as directed by the producers. Should be an interesting couple of days.

At the last Council Meeting we welcomed two new members into our midst.

Mervyn Richards OBE, who used to be a member in the '80s and has rejoined us. Interested in Locomotives.

Edward Catton-Orr, Interested in Garden Railways and Video.

Mike Foreman

June General Meeting

At Colney Heath

Life Saving

By OMAH Mk II

It was a perfect evening at Colney Heath both regarding the blue skies and the outstanding condition of the site. The grass was freshly mown and all the structures in perfect condition especially the newly painted coach whose interior has been spring cleaned. Gone were all those magazines and varied cooking devices that the loving owners just could not throw away but thought there **just** might be a useful purpose for them in the coach.

A healthy bunch of members gathered to sit at the feet of Verity Maclachlan to learn the mysteries of the AED machine and the art of resuscitation. It is a pity that so few members ventured out from HQ to see the wonderful work that has been carried out at the site and the abundant opportunities for recreation there.

Ian Johnston introduced Verity who in her competent style explained the modern concepts of resuscitation. Thankfully no longer does it involve mouth to mouth resuscitation. So the days of having to kiss a collapsed overweight chap with three days growth of beard suffering for alcoholic halitosis and garlic are now thankfully over.

Verity carefully instructed the group in the art of cardiac massage. All members of the group were then supervised performing cardiac compressions to Verity's entire satisfaction.

The AED machine with its automatic programme was explained and it seemed to be so safe and easy to use. It has a battery life of four years so up to 2018 we can sleep secure in the knowledge that the Club is leading the way in having state of the art life saving equipment providing you have your cardiac stoppage before 2018!.

Mugs of tea and biscuits were consumed, without choking and needing assistance. Verity was thanked and helped to load the manikins back into her car.

Then pleasantly several members of the group spontaneously washed up the mugs and plates and cleared the site before retiring to other pastures as the competent life savers of the future.

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

Friday July 4th 2014. General Meeting. **Visit to St Albans Signal box**

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.

Friday August 1st The General Meeting is at the Colney Heath for a BBQ. Tomato soup and rolls supplied but let us know beforehand if you would like soup and roll or will be bringing more substantial sustenance. Please join in so that members from other sections can enjoy each other's company and share memories of times past and plan for the future.

Friday September 5th Edward the Compressor returns to provide a breath of air to resuscitate your forgotten machine. So please ransack your bottom drawers and bring something along to hold us all spell bound when it springs into life. We hope.

Friday October 3rd Auction 'bring and buy' at Headquarters as well as tons of metal and tooling for the model engineer. Please come along and buy a few bargains or just come to be entertained and leave with regrets that you did not bid for that mystery tool box.

Friday November 7th How Barnet got its Railways. A talk by a railway historian from Barnet Museum. Listen and learn with fascination concerning the machinations that took place before High Barnet Station was finally established.

Friday December 4th THE Christmas party for all sections. Please come along and have an evening of Christmas fun. New cuisine this year and meet folk you do not usually see in convivial surroundings.

UPDATED STEWARDS ROTA

PLEASE CHECK CAREFULLY FOR YOUR NAME

Please remember if you are unable to do your duty, it **is up to you** to change with another member. Please then notify me of the change so it can be published in the next newsletter. If at short notice please let the Senior Steward for that day know.

Senior Stewards, if you are on emails It would really help me if you can let me know if there were any changes on your day and if any members didn't do it please let me know the reason if you are aware of it.

Please email the webmaster

Thanks, Sue Rose

6 July 2014

Mike Foreman - Senior Steward

Robert Ambler
Aaron Brady
Joe Featherstone
Owen Chapman
Nicholas Griffin
Roy Hall
Roy Perry
Ian MacCabe
Peter MacDonald.
Peter Smith

20 July 2014

Edward Kitchener - Senior Steward

Jonathan Avery
Mick Avery
Bill Bass
Doug Kennedy
Nicholas Gear.
Brian Lees.
Jeremy Lewis
Peter Seymour-Howell
Mervyn Smith
Eric Skillman

3 August 2014

Keith Hughes - Senior Steward

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

17 August 2014

Paul Godwin - Senior Steward

David Brand
Stuart Davies
Peter Brewster
Derrick Franklin
Peter Fraser.
Peter Jenkin
Martin Cooper
Roxanne Nickels
Colin Reeves
Dave Snellgrove.

7 September 2014

Richard Payne - Senior Steward

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

21 September 2014

Mike Ruffell - Senior Steward

Graham Ainge
Graeme Browne
John Beesley
Dave Green.
Brian Looker
David Marsden.
Alan Marshall
Peter Precious
Sanj Raut
Colin Thomson

5 October 2014

Ian Johnson - Senior Steward

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

19 October 2014

TO BE ADVISED

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

Loco For Sale

5" gauge electric loco for sale. For details please email the webmaster



Marine Mumbles (Rides Again)

This is going to be the shortest write up in the history of this hallowed column. We've done 'nowt' this month, mainly due to this 'ere virus I picked up.

The only news I have got is that the second Toy Boat Regatta will be held on Sunday 13th July from 9.00am. This is where I made a real "faux par". Trying to avoid the open running days I have managed to organise it for the weekend of my son's marriage. Don't think the Boss Lady would like me at Colney Heath that Sunday. I can't see me being there this time. Please come along and support the regatta. It will probably run better without me anyway.

THE END

Peter Stern

Ed. From last month I have included the photos that were not published correctly due to an error made by the printers.



Above and right, some boats from the first Toy Boat Regatta.
Photo Peter Stern









Above on of the many boats from the first Toy Boat Regatta.
Photo Peter Stern



Top (p10) Ground Level Railway coming up grade
Bottom (p10) Martin Kennedy driving Peter Funk's Saint George (Romulas),
approaching the yet to be completed tunnel on the Ground Level
Top (p11) Martin Kennedy on the GLR and Tony Dunbar on the raised track,
on the new land extensions.
Bottom (p11) Gerry Moore's Sadie pulling a train of happy passengers
Photos Owen Chapman



Left David West testing his new 14XX, built by Tom Barratt
Above Who's a happy bunny? Nigel Griffiths after a good run.
Photo: Eric Skillman

JUNIOR DRIVING COURSE

The club will be running a joint Driving Course in conjunction with the 7 ¼" Society and our NLSME Junior Members. It will be held on Saturday September 20th 2014 between 10:00 and 16:00.

For further information please email the webmaster

GLR News

Hello gang and fellow modellers,

Not a lot to talk about this month. Things are progressing at much their normal pace, the track into Orchard Junction nearest the fence has now been lifted and re ballasted using lovely pink granite chippings, it is hoped to re chip all the station area when time and labour is plentiful. This now allows trains to reverse up platform 3 without fear of clipping the leading kerbstone or grounding on the edge as did Roy's new toy. Roy has swapped his little blue engine (the one that done most of the heavy work on the G.L.R. works) for the big red one below.

The train has been thoroughly tested for passenger hauling and emergency braking with full loads, using ten of the best rather rotund gauge one boy's as a challenging load, plus driver and guard. Needless to say it passed with flying colours and will in due course become one of the fleet of passenger hauling trains at Tyttenhanger.

Watch this space, Robin Thorne has been in touch with C M D Engineering (the same people who supplied Roy's train) and has asked about some laser cut station signs. Ted Kitchener has fixed the first of four hip irons in readiness for tiling the roof over the containers. Philip Woodward is threatening to dig some more footing for the container spaces, and the hanging baskets as do the rest of the planting is looking fantastic.

As ever in the muck

P Funk
G.L.R. Section Leader.

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).

Dates for your Diary

Friday 4 July	8.00pm General Meeting; Visit to St Albans signal box. Contact Jim MacDonald
Saturday 5 July	North American section at the track. Midday meeting at the Plough, Tyttenhanger for lunch, then 2.00pm at the track.
Saturday 5 July	Fete's and Fairs at Broxbourne. Contact Jim MacDonald
Sunday 6 July	2.00pm Sunday Public running
Saturday 12 July	2.00pm Birthday party, Sally Dalton, Colney Heath. (drivers req.)
Saturday 12 July	Fete's and Fairs at Highfield, St Albans. Contact Jim MacDonald
Sunday 13 July	Fete's and Fairs at Little Berkhamsted. Contact Jim MacDonald
Sunday 13 July	9.00am Second Toy Boat Regatta, Colney Heath pond.
Tuesday 15 July	8.00pm TSC meeting; St Mark's Church Centre, Colney Heath
Wednesday 16 July	Garden Railway get together at John Squire's track. Contact Nick Rudoe
Friday 18 July	Loco Section meeting at Tyttenhanger.
Friday 18 July	Private party (pm), Andy Elliott (Member), Colney Heath
Friday 18 July	<i>Deadline for copy to Editor for August News Sheet</i>
Saturday 19 July	Fete's and Fairs at Oak View School and St Mary's, Ware. Contact Jim MacDonald
Saturday 19 July	Private Party (pm), Derek Perham (Member), Colney Heath
Sunday 20 July	2.00pm Sunday Public running
Wednesday 23 July	Garden Railway visit by East Anglia Group, Colney Heath
Sat/Sun 26/27 July	60/50th Anniversary invitation weekend
Sat/Sun 26/27 July	Fete's and Fairs at Dacorum Steam Rally. Contact Jim MacDonald
Friday 1 August	8.00pm General Meeting; BBQ at Tyttenhanger; Colney Heath
Sunday 3 August	2.00pm Sunday Public running
Tuesday 5 August	8.00pm Council Meeting; HQ, Legion Way, North Finchley
Saturday 9 August	Brian Aphorpe's Invitation Day, Colney Heath
Sunday 10 August	Colchester SMEE Visit, Colney Heath
Wed 13 August	Garden Railway visit by the South East Group, Colney Heath
Friday 15 August	Loco Section meeting at Tyttenhanger.
Fri - Sun 15/17 Aug	Fete's and Fairs at Flamstead Scarecrow Festival. Contact Jim MacDonald
Sunday 17 August	2.00pm Sunday Public running
Tuesday 19 August	8.00pm TSC meeting; St Mark's Church Centre, Colney Heath
Friday 22 August	<i>Deadline for copy to Editor for September News Sheet</i>
Saturday 23 August	Fareham, Chelmsford & Chingford Visit, Colney Heath
Tuesday 2 Sept	8.00pm Council Meeting; HQ, Legion Way, North Finchley
Friday 5 Sept	8.00pm General Meeting; Return of Edward the Compressor; HQ; Legion Way, Nth Finchley

NB. Please notify Malcolm Barnes (Secretary) 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.

