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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

First thing I will open with is a reminder that the jubilee weekend of the 26/27th July is getting ever closer. This is going to be a super weekend, all invited clubs will be attending. It has been assumed that the G1 section will arrange some catering for the weekend. This we are only too happy to do. But! It has been pointed out to me that perhaps some of the members wives/partners would like to come along and help, more a family doo like it used to be. I think this would be a very nice time to show we are a family friendly society, what would make it even more special would be if we had some homemade cakes, biscuits, buns etc to offer our guests? So therefore **“CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS”** please contact me, or just turn up on the Saturday & Sunday. It will be good fun!

The AGM went very well, my third in place as chairman. I kept my report on the years activities down to under 20 minutes. I have forwarded a copy to the newsletter editor with the hope he may feel we can publish it in full over the next couple of months.

In my report I emphasised the amount of support and work put in by the officers and members in general in all sections, especially with regards to the projects, new and ongoing, at HQ and Tyttenhanger.

I also stated how “I would like to try and ensure better communications between the society’s council and the TSC, especially on the commencement of future projects. I feel we must have far better cost efficient estimating and effective financial planning, with particular reference to getting approval from the council as laid down in the society’s constitution. We must see projects finished off before others major ones are taken on or started. I have had a read through the club’s Constitution: To this end I and some of the other council members would like to see a project started to ensure we have a proper engineering workshop come into reality on site. This will start with the relocation and refurbishment of the existing concrete workshop”

I finished off by saying “I, as chairman, with the other officers, will take your vote as a mandate to try and progress the club forward as I have set out above”

The council was returned with a unanimous vote of approval.

Well that is really it for this month. I will not be around during June, but I will be wandering around the Orkney Isles. I wish you all happy modelling.

David Metcalf

TREASURER'S REPORT

The season at Colney Heath got off to a good start with fine weather and a comfortable turn out of visitors. Season Ticket sales were particularly good although Station staff need to keep aware that all the tickets being proffered are originals. They are printed on blue card with the Society logo, a serial number and twelve numbered boxes along the bottom edge only for clipping. Enlarged examples are on display in the Workshop and the Kitchen.

Our last Council Meeting was pleased to accept one new application from Mrs. Patricia Wright

We welcome her and I understand that her children are both extremely keen and we hope that they will be joining us as well in the near future.

We are still looking for a volunteer to organise Birthday Parties at the track. How about it somebody?

In the past I have written a Raised Track Report for the News Sheet as the nominal Raised Track Leader. However, as a result of recent events I have decided to relinquish this particular role. I have no doubt that the TSC etc will find a willing volunteer to take on the job in the future, in the meantime I will continue to monitor the condition of the raised track and deal with any problems arising. Maybe I shall find a little more time to get into the workshop? Who knows.

Mike Foreman

Front cover: Martin Kennedy on the GLR having just passed under the raised track bridge. Photo: Owen Chapman

**STOP PRESS! ALL CHANGE! STOP
PRESS!
CHANGES FOR MENCAP DAY 2014
NOW TO BE SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH
2014**

This year our annual invitation to The St. Albans Mencap Group has had to be rearranged to the afternoon of Saturday 6th SEPTEMBER 2014.

Sincerest apologies for the change of plans as the local group were not able to recruit sufficient carers for the original date in June.

All details will remain as previously detailed in the May 2014 newsletter.

Sorry to mess you about but the changes happened too late for the May mag.

If you need to talk to me email the webmaster

Thanking you all in advance, Mr. Grumpy

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 June 6th 2014. General Meeting. **Change of start time.** **First Aid at Colney Heath and the World.**

On Friday June 6th the sun will be 151 million miles away and will set at nine thirteen. So it would be prudent to start the General meeting at **seven-0-clock** prompt.

This should give us adequate time to discover the mysteries of first aid and resuscitation (including the new AED machine) at the feet of Verity MacLachlan, also to inspect the site at Colney Heath to see where all the work has been done. Those of you who rarely venture out of Summer's Lane are particularly welcome. The excellent facilities will be on view and of course some basic first aid for all; that could well stand you in good stead in the future.

Arrive early and relax before this important meeting.

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.

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.

May Annual General Meeting

By OMAH Mk II

A good attendance by paid up members of the North London Society of Model Engineers formed a very adequate quorum for the 2014 Annual General Meeting at Head Quarters.

As per usual Ian Johnston welcomed the assembled gathering with parish notices regarding safety; he read out an account from the SMEE magazine (January 1966) describing the hobby as one that should give satisfaction and enjoyment to its followers regardless of their abilities. He introduced the Chairman David Metcalf who was to manage the AGM.

David commenced with apologies for absence which were submitted by Malcolm Barnes, Ronald Price, Jack Edwards, David and Sue Rose, Peter Stern and Mike Chrisp . The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were approved and there were no matters arising.

The Club paid their respects to those members who had passed away during the year especially Ross Durling and Norton Morgan. Members stood for a minutes silence to reflect on their lives.

The Chairman David then gave his eloquent address concerning the Club's very varied activities during the past year and plans for the future. (The address may be printed in this News Sheet if our editor Nick has adequate space). David mentioned the very varied activities at Head Quarters and how well the building contents had been rearranged by Geoff Howard's gang. The massive and expensive projects at Tyttenhanger were commented and complimented on especially the small enthusiastic highly skilled groups from all sections who had managed to transform the spot into a very pleasant area for the enjoyment of model engineering.

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Secretary was unable to attend and so submitted his written report where he praised the society regarding the achievements during the past year and looked forward to furthering the aims of the Society concerning the varied crafts of model engineering. (Editor Nick may be able to print Malcolm's report).

The Treasurer's report was tendered and seen on the big screen. Mike Foreman nursed the members through the complications of the accounts and for perhaps the first time ever, all was made clear with the aid of Mike's tame mouse. Members remarked that they were able to see clearly where the money came from and also where it went! This process saved a tree of paper into the bargain. Later, by e-mail an assessor, Jean Chrisp complimented Mike

Foreman on the quality and clearness of his accounts.

Votes were taken for Officers and Council Members for the year 2014-2015. The vote was unanimous (To be the same team as last year) but with just one abstention from a member who the scribe suspected had momentarily dozed off.

The thoroughly enjoyable and productive AGM closed at 20.57 when satisfied members of the Society spilled out into the dusk to make plans for the future.

Secretary's statement to the AGM

This past year has been a great year of achievements for the GLR, Raised track and the Garden railway all in their own way have made major improvements and additional features. These improvements have given the society facilities which are the envy of other clubs and as such we should be appreciative of the support of the whole society membership whose subscriptions have made such improvements possible. Equally we need to be aware of the achievement of the other sections who though on a smaller scale this year have equally contributed to the success of the society.

The environment for model engineering is not so accessible today as it has been in the past. There are fewer opportunities to experience the opportunity to become skilled in model engineering, suitable engineering courses are difficult to find so those wishing to take up the skill have fewer chances to learn.

If we as a society wish to maintain our status then we need to encourage new members and embrace the objectives in our constitution.

In brief:-

- Encourage craft and design, foster interest in engineering and associated tools and machinery.
- Cooperate and share information amongst our fellow members and encourage younger members (any one under 65!)
- Finally to provide and maintain premises that facilitate model engineering in all its aspects. Modelling is not just for a lie time it is an inheritance to be passed on!

Malcolm Barnes
NSLME Secretary

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

1 June 2014

Chris Vousden - Senior Steward

Aaron Brady
Andrew Elliot
Steve Coffill
Rai Fenton
John Johnston
Ashton Miles
John Mills
Derek Perham.
John Riches.
Robin Thorn

15 June 2014

Nigel Griffiths. - Senior Steward

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

6 July 2014

Paul Godwin - Senior Steward

Robert Ambler
Roger Bell
Peter Brewster
Owen Chapman
Nicholas Griffin
Roy Hall
Brian Jacobs
Ian MacCabe
Peter MacDonald.
Peter Smith

20 July 2014

Edward Kitchener - Senior Steward

Jonathan Avery
Mick Avery
Bill Bass
Martin Cooper
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
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
Gordon Lawerance
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

17 August 2014

Mike Foreman - Senior Steward

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

21 September 2014

Mike Ruffell - Senior Steward

Graham Ainge
Graeme Browne
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.

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

Marine Mumbles (Rides Again)

Just a quick correction to our poor scribe's write up of the April General Meeting. The Clyde Puffer was donated to the section by our very own Alan Marshall. Dr Barnes donated the Brave Borderer hull and 'box of firewood" (described as a fitting kit) to me.

Dave Lawrence is a genius! His new pond drag net worked a treat. Too well!!! In the space of two sessions we have removed twenty five "happy" barrow loads of leaves and other rubbish from our little water haven. Fingers crossed we may be able to get rid of the rest in another two, fun packed, visits. Yes folks the green liner is on show, more than the leaves now. Thank you to Bob Brooks who did sterling work netting the leaves, newts etc onto the bank, in the rain, during our lunch break. We did keep telling him it wasn't going to rain much more. Do like to encourage a "pressed man". Seriously, thanks again Bob.



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

This leads me nicely (nautical expression) to the first Toy Boat Regatta of the season, which was held on Sunday 11th May. When Trevor Smith did the organising the weather was always fine. I organised this one and got rain (to start off with) and howling winds. What have I done wrong this time?? With a lot of help from Gerry Ackroyd, on the day, we removed the entire blown in tree rubbish before they arrived. Thanks for that Gerry. The good news is that we still had a brilliant turn out of toy boaters. I think they all had a great day, considering. Hardy lot "them".



The next Toy Boat Regatta, I have organised, at the pond is Sunday 13th July (snow permitting). I will leave you with some pretty pictures of the day for posterity.

Peter Stern



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



The National Model Engineering Exhibition **Harrogate 2014**

At the crack of dawn on Friday 9th May a small intrepid band of model engineers departed from North London, bound for Harrogate.

Their first destination was Royston where they were to join the larger group of modellers from the Royston Clubs at the Tesco store.

Spot on seven-o'clock a sumptuous coach arrived and once the group had embarked, went off to pick up more enthusiasts at Trumpington Park and Ride; rather like Trumpton on TV.

The coach then proceeded north, up the A1M with the first comfort stop at a centre which was not called the *Hungry Farmer* as had been described but the *Friendly Farmer*. And the *Friendly Farmer* it proved to be; not only was the farmer friendly but so also were his wives and daughters who served the party very promptly with well priced hot breakfasts.

Further up north the coach almost lost one of its side panels, situated on the off side. Very bravely one of the party donned a fluorescent jacket and walked back along the hard shoulder to divert HGV's onto the 'fast' lane while our incredibly brave driver wrestled with the loose panel. Once secured, the lookout had to walk backwards returning to the coach, presumably to identify anyone who tried to run him down.

Very soon an ebullient welcome was being received from an immaculate Mike Chrisp who was the head of a prestigious team of eight judges.

The group spilled into three halls each segregated into, models, trade and demonstrations. The fifty two club stands were most impressive with space to spare and informative members standing by to talk and demonstrate their expertise in model engineering. It would be invidious to single out any one club stand or model but these North Country Folk do seem to know how to make and display models which were of great quality.

The Trade Stand Area was equally fascinating with the big boys rubbing shoulders with small one person outfits. There was a pleasant surfeit of firms supplying engineering metals and a good representation of small businesses supplying their own castings and materials for specific models.

All too soon it was time for the well nourished assembly to step outside the halls and embark for a trouble free ride back to Tesco at Royston.

All in all a wonderful day was had by all without exception.

Ian Johnston

Garden Rail Group

The Group have been enjoying the good weather and have had some excellent Wednesday running sessions. A number of new members have joined and we are regularly getting 15-20 members attending on Wednesdays. A new running day has been started for new members on Tuesdays, to enable the new members (and old) to learn the skills required to run Gauge 1 locomotives safely. Those attending on Tuesdays have commented how much they have learnt and increased their confidence without the pressure of a large audience.

The agreed upgrading of the track has been proceeding under the experienced direction of Malcolm Read, new sidings are being installed for the inner track, when this is completed one of the original sidings will be converted to dual use acting as a steaming bay or siding as required on busy days. The outer track has been tidied up, moving the siding to the outside of the running line removing a hazard caused by people leaning over the running line to reach stock on the siding.

The site is now looking good, grass is growing on the areas cleared earlier in the year and soon we will have to get the mower going again.



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



WANTED: Paving Slabs

The Garden Rail Group are looking for plain paving slabs. If you have any left over from your patio or want to take up your old patio or path we are interested. Collection can be arranged.

Email the webmaster

Top (p16) Martin Kennedy driving Peter Funk's Saint George (Romulas), approaching the yet to be completed tunnel on the Ground Level
Bottom (p16) Ground Level Railway coming up grade
Top (p17) Gerry Moore's Sadie pulling a train of happy passengers
Bottom (p17) Martin Kennedy on the GLR and Tony Dunbar on the raised track, on the new land extensions.
Photos Owen Chapman





CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS 2014 AGM

1. Pay respects to departed members: Ross Durling & Norton Morgan.
2. After another year I still find myself struggling a bit to keep on top of all projects that are on-going on within our society. On a personal level, as many of you know my main interests are Model Boats and G1. You are all probably aware I do own a model boat kit manufacturing business, but I deliberately do not promote this through the club as I feel that would not be fair. I have this year again managed to attend all Council meetings and most of the TSC meetings. The last 12 months has seen us blessed with better weather than last year. The weather this winter thankfully has been warmer, although a lot wetter, and so far this spring has been really nice. I have managed to run my loco's most weeks, lately in balmy weather. My report as the society's chairman this year will be in two parts:
 - Firstly: On the past year's achievements and progress.
 - Secondly: On our aims and project, including planning for the coming year.
3. I will start by mentioning the support given to the club from the other officers for all the hard work they have put in for the society, especially our vice-chairman Ian Johnston for organising our meetings, also our stand at the ME.
 - Ian has also organised a defibrillator that has been installed in the coach on site, he has also organised a first aid meeting on site with Verity MacLachlan for 6th June. I would recommend this be well attended.
 - Mike – Treasurer, how does so much get onto one sheet? Well done for doing such a super job, our accounts could never be in safer hands.
 - It has been the first year for Malcolm Barnes our secretary. I have a report from the Malcolm that I will read out later.
 - HQ matters, Tony Dunbar and Geoff Howard are continuing to do their usual super job, Geoff has been managing to get all the old magazines away to the re-cycling, there must have been hundreds of them. Many thanks. There was a break in earlier this year, nothing seems to have been stolen, well done to Dave Lawrence for getting it all sorted and the HQ made secure again so quickly.
4. Projects on site at Tyttenhanger.
 - Ground Level & Raised Track. The projects undertaken this year have been massive and expensive. A lot of hard work put in by a small group of volunteers aiming, I believe, so that the GL will be open this weekend? As you will see if you have looked in the last

newsletter we have delivery of the two new GL running cars and they do look nice and new! Sunday will be the society's first days running for season! Signs will be going up tomorrow courtesy of Geoff Mogg. Thanks must also go to the 2 John's for their work on the signalling.

- Lake: Dave Lawrence and Peter Stern have again spent many hours removing dead leaves and other detritus from the bottom. Last summer I had the pleasure of attending one of the toy boat regattas, the weather was great. The pond is regularly used on a Wednesday by some of us G1 men running yachts and electric boats.
- Last season's catering again was undertaken by the G1 section. We do sort of enjoy doing it. I never cease to be surprised by people, normally young mothers, who recount tales of visiting us 20+ years ago with their fathers, now they are there with their children.
- Much work has been undertaken on the G1 track itself and surrounding area's, paved paths being laid, also a lot of digging, levelling and laying of grass seed etc. New shrubs and plantings have also been made. The Bothy has also had much work done to the inside. The ambition is to make the G1 track and the surrounding area much more pleasing to the eye and pleasant to use. Average use on Wednesdays has been in the teens, this year since the weather has improved this has gone up into the 20's. Tuesday running has also started.
- Fairs & Fete's again were very busy, many thanks to Jim and all his volunteer helpers for all the hard work they have put in attending nearly 20? events last year. Even I am going to try and get out to one this year!
- Newsletter. Well done to Nick Griffin. The newsletter is the back bone of this club. It is what holds us all together and keeps membership so well informed on the various projects progress. A more difficult job than usual for Nick to do this year as he has moved back into London. I think he knows me well enough by now to remind me that copy is needed. I do not always remember.
- Parties, many thanks to Owen & Rachel for all their hard work over the last few years in running these, they will be sorely missed. We need someone to take on the job full-time, Alan Marshall has undertaken to do the booking side of things.
- The coach has been repaired and painted, also the interior has had another deep clean, I believe Mike was responsible for that? It looks great inside as well as outside.
- A new mains supply cable has been run down to the signal shed/coach.
- Having worn out the old one, we financed a replacement engine to the small digger. Really only fair as we wore out the old engine!

- Although he has had a traumatic and busy year, Nigel has done a great job on the grounds, particularly noticeable at this time of year with all the new daffodils coming up and adding a splash of colour.
 - Alan Loosley has taken on the job of looking after and maintaining the two electric society loco's. He has repaired the 37, new bogies have been ordered for it. Alan has done a lot of work to the container where they will be stored, a job well done.
 - Peter Brown – train driving training day. Article in ME by Norman Back.
 - Stewarding. Many thanks to Sue Rose for taking the job on.
 - Parties. Last year was again a success with Owen & Rachel doing a super job. Unfortunately owing to family and personal reasons they have had to decline another year in the firing line. They have done a fantastic job over the last few years and we must be eternally grateful to them for their hard work.
5. H & S – As well as running the clubs diary Mike, with Nigel's help has prepared the new policy document. This has been gone through by the council at a special meeting and has now gone back to them for final copy.
6. The majority of the council also took the decision to increase the subs for this coming year as on your renewal forms.
7. This coming year's activities. We would like to bring the following items to your attention, which we will be needing support on.
- Jubilee celebrations. 60years the club, 50years the site. July 26th/27th. Originally we were going to have quite a do, however as we couldn't guarantee all facilities would be ready we took the decision to run it for the one weekend on an invite only basis. Malcolm Barnes and Mike Chrisp took on the task of organising visiting clubs. The G1 will be doing some catering for the visiting clubs.
 - Implementation of the finalised H & S rules and regulations for the society as a whole, and individual sections, will be a major step forward for the clubs future. All members will be given a copy and all will have to conform to these.
 - I would like to try and ensure better communication between the Society's council and the TSC, especially on the commencement of future projects. I feel we must have far better cost efficient estimating and effective financial planning, with particular reference to getting approval from the council as laid down in the societies constitution. We must see projects finished off before others major ones are taken on or started.
 - I have had a read through the club's constitution: To this end I, and some of the other council members, would like to see a project

started to ensure we have a proper engineering workshop come into reality on site. This will start with the relocation and refurbishment of the existing concrete workshop.

- There will be a Ground Level driver's training day, not just for club members but also I believe in liaison with the Southern Federation.
- Catering. G1 will be doing that again this year. We have the rosters done and are ready to go this weekend. Norman Back and myself are first on. Catering supplies will again be held in the green cupboard.
- Birthday parties. We are still looking for someone to take on the overall running of these, however to help out Alan Marshall has agreed to take on the booking job, but before we can do that we have to have stewards, to try and help here we in the G1 section will also do the stewarding for 2 (two) Saturday birthday parties. I have almost enough volunteers to do 1 x July (Not first two weeks) and 1 x August. I hope other sections will follow suit?
- The roof to the containers will be finished and a more formal approach to the storage of items within the containers and on the site in general will be implemented and enforced by the council as requested by the TSC.

Well, that gentlemen is it. If I have forgotten anything or missed something important out then I apologise. I hope I have not bored you, but this is your society and you are entitled to know what is going on in it. I will at a later time tonight be asking you to vote to return the society's council members, I, as chairman, with the other officers, will take your vote as a mandate to try and progress the club forward as I have set out above.

David Metcalf
Chairman: NLSME.

GLR News

Hi all, just when we thought it was shaping up for a good summer the wet stuff is back, never mind things can only get better we hope.

Don't often get a chance to thank the gauge one boys so thank you Brian Looker for sorting out a skip to clear some of the scrap iron. I say some as there was still a large pile left after the first skip had loaded and gone? Fortunately a second skip appeared shortly after thanks to Graham Gardener. This too was also loaded with what was left of the pile and the last remaining old water tank put on top, job done. Over the next few weeks strange things were happening to our pile of scrap now in the skip. It seemed it was slowly disappearing? We are now down to less than half full. If we leave it there for another month I am convinced it will again be empty. I think we had better send the skip back before someone tries' to put the skip on top of a Volvo? Strange place is Tyttenhanger, maybe it is on camera. The truth is out there.

After a site meeting between Tyttenhanger members, the rail height for number two container space has been set, this will allow for work to begin on more storage for five inch carriages, and ground level locos, so if you feel like a work out you know where we are. Some materials have been ordered for the roof to be completed by Ted Kitchener. Mr Badger has promised to make some special hip irons for the corners. I asked him if he had the material to hand, and yes! he said I have some scrap iron somewhere. Watch this space.

The new land G.L. rail has settled in nicely. A small problem with some apprentice welding was spotted and put right before the next public run. I have now checked the gauging of the seven and a quarter rail from Smallford Station to finish and am satisfied with the result. Many thanks to the small but beautiful crew for doing some last minute repairs. Time to get back down the workshop, Tinkerbell is calling.

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

Sunday 1 June	2.00pm Sunday Public running
Sunday 1 June	Fete's and Fairs at Oaklands Rally. Contact Jim McDonald
Tuesday 3 June	8.00pm Council Meeting; HQ, Legion Way, North Finchley
Wednesday 4 June	Garden Railway visit by John Squire and Friends, Colney Heath.
Friday 6 June	7.00pm General Meeting; First Aid at Colney Heath, HQ; Legion Way, Nth Finchley
Saturday 7 June	Fete's and Fairs at Oaklands Fair. Contact Jim MacDonald
Saturday 14 June	Southampton Club Visit. Contact Paul & Waz Godin
Sunday 15 June	2.00pm Sunday Public running
Tuesday 17 June	8.00pm TSC meeting; St Mark's Church Centre, Colney Heath
Friday 20 June	Loco Section meeting at Tyttenhanger.
Friday 20 June	Deadline for copy to Editor for July News Sheet
Saturday 21 June	Fete's and Fairs at Berkhamsted and Hertingfordbury. Contact Jim MacDonald
Sunday 22 June	Fete's and Fairs at Longfield, Kent. Contact Jim MacDonald
Saturday 28 June	Fete's and Fairs at Bowmansgreen school. Contact Jim MacDonald
Sunday 29 June	Fete's and Fairs at Larks in the Park, St Albans. Contact Jim MacDonald
Tuesday 1 July	8.00pm Council Meeting; HQ, Legion Way, North Finchley
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	Deadline for copy to Editor for August News Sheet
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

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.

