

The News Sheet

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The Chairman's Notes

Question; What have the model engineering clubs of Erewash, Winbourne, Maidstone, Gravesend, Northolt, Swindon, Sussex, Blacknell and Melton Mobrai got in common? Answer; Well, representatives of all these clubs visited Tyttenhanger on Saturday 13th August. Brian and Sue Apthorpe together with William Mason in chef's hat invited, welcomed and organised what turned out to be a fabulous event. Organising the running order let alone the teas was quite a task. Brian seemed to be stressed by it all but we all know that he was really enjoying every minute of it. Helped by Derek Perham and Derek Eldridge. Well done! There were locomotives from a *Tich* to a *Princess Coronation 7P* all running, with usually at least seven locomotives on the go at once. This is one of the strengths of the club that members have an event in mind and then follow it through to its very successful conclusion. Rather like Maurice Cummings who noticed that the water otter, sorry heater, had broken in the coach. Nothing daunted, he knew of a firm which specialises in kitchen equipment at the end of Summers Lane and hightailed it down to Finchley, purchased the necessary spindles and 'bobs your uncle' as LBSC would say, it was fixed. Just like that, no fuss or publicity wanted. Members like that make the Club run smoothly.

Question; What have William Mason, Jim McDonald, Tony Dunbar, George Case and probably several other members of the Club got in common? Not a lot, I hear you mutter. Answer; They have all recently had surgical operations in local hospitals, ranging from vasectomies to cholecystectomy, with hernia repair being by far the most popular, they are all now nursing their wounds or should we say scars. Anyway we wish them all a swift recovery and a return to full activity. I expect that there are other shrinking violets out there who have had equally serious ops; I'm sorry if I have missed you out but we do wish you well.

I hope that you will all have noticed that Robert sent out a questionnaire with the last month's *News Sheet*. Quite a number of you have filled it in and sent it back to Robert especially when you noticed that it was 'free post'. He has gone to considerable expense to devise, organise and circulate the questionnaire. There has been a good response to the questionnaire (see Robert's report later in this issue), which means that for the first time ever we will know something of the aspirations and attitudes of the members. With the results we will be able to trim our activities to suit the membership. The closing date has now passed, but if you have not sent in your reply please do so; your opinions are of value. There will be no excuse for grumbling afterwards if your attitudes have not been given vent.

You should also have received a sketch map of the new extension of land at Tyttenhanger; so no matter what section you come from, get out those compasses set to fifty feet radius and draw in the track of your dreams. You never know, it might be the one chosen for the next ten years of hard work!

I have received a lovely letter and card from the children and headmistress from Chernobyl who attended Tyttenhanger on 14th July. They had a wonderful time and for the first time I saw tears in the eyes of children as they departed with their presents after a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon. As usual I can claim no credit for this event and only acted as a bystander, but thank you Penny Deans and all who made that afternoon a great success.

Have a good month.

Ian Johnston

Note from the Editor

Hi folks!

Thanks to those who have commented to me, either in emails or face-to-face, about the News Sheet; it's nice to know that one's efforts are appreciated.

I am very conscious that the News Sheet is biased towards, and reflects members' majority interest in, steam locos. As a 'steam freak' myself, I am naturally drawn towards material that relates to steam engines. However, I want to stress that I will be more than happy to receive a contribution from some of the other sections, such as marine, slot cars and video; there must be projects or developments that are worth writing up, or activities that members would like to hear about. So do please think about it; the News Sheet ought to be representative of everything that goes on within the Society.

Nick Rudoe

Secretary's Snippets

The Society has received notification of the Southern Federation Autumn Rally on 17/18 September organised by The Reading SME at Prospect Park, Reading.

The National Locomotive Rally at Birmingham SME has been cancelled.

The Society has received a thank you card from the Chernobyl Children for their day at the Colney Heath track. This card is in the coach at Colney Heath.

The Society will be supporting The St Albans SME Exhibition on 24/25 September. Maurice Cummins is coordinator of our stand.

The Society has received an invitation from The Chelmsford SME to attend their Club Open Day on

Sunday, 2 October 2005; running commences at 10.00 am. Chelmsford SME have 3.5, 5, 7.25 elevated tracks and a 7.25 ground level track - all will be available. Tea/coffee will be provided throughout the day, with a ploughman's lunch. If any of our members would like to go, please contact Mick Fenn for further arrangements.

The main meeting room at HQ has been tidied up by Ian Johnston and Dave Lawrence - thanks chaps! Ian would like any photographs of the Society and its members for inclusion on the walls of the meeting room.

The Secretary is generating the Society's calendar for 2006 and already has dates booked.

David Harris

FOR SALE

'CVA' Toolroom type lathe. Swing over bed =12 1/2". Between centres =20". Three phase motor. With chucks etc. Similar to a *Smart and Brown*. Heavy machine. £450

Elliot 10m Shaper. 10"stroke. Single phase motor. With vice. In good order. £100

Contact: **Keith Welch**

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Kennion-built 5in gauge 0-6-0T as illustrated in the accompanying photo. Based on the G&SWR Peter Drummond-designed 5 class now at Glasgow Museum of Transport. Boiler certificate out of date. Previous owner c 1990 John Riches. Inspection/delivery by arrangement. £2,000.

Contact: **Peter Kearon,**

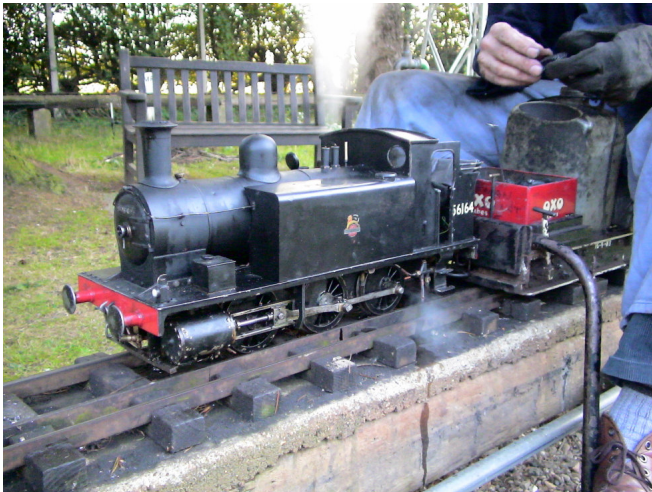


Cover picture: Katie Dear fills the water tank on Mike's 'Sweet Pea', at the North American Section Day on 25 June. **Photo:** Nick Rudoe

The August General Meeting by OMAH

The meeting was held at the track at Tyttenhanger as guests of the Loco Section.

Large in number we were not, but sufficient in number we definitely were. Everyone was having a great time: cooking, munching, nattering, etc. A club electric had been placed on standby for the use of intrepid guests from other sections but it was not used. Those running included: Brian Apthorpe (who, in company with Derek Eldridge, had been doing maintenance on the passenger trolleys since midday) on his B1 'Klippspringer', Mike Foreman on 'Rob Roy', Peter Davies with a Conway, Jim and Peter Macdonald with 'Sweet Pea', and Brendan and Keiran Corcoran with 5700 class L90.

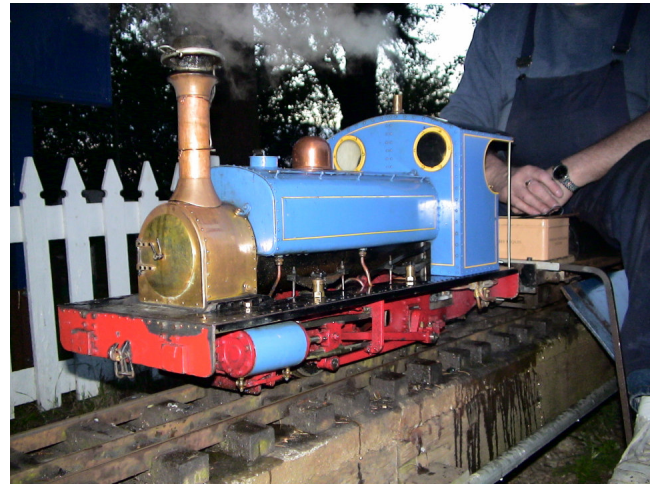


All is well with Mike Foreman's 'Rob Roy' as it lets off steam. Mike's loco is 29 years old, just a little younger than its owner.

Photo : Nick Rudoe

Donal was reduced to spectating as he had his left arm in plaster, the result of a contretemps with a mini-digger. Could have been worse - might have

been his right arm. Adrian had opted for anti-clockwise running, which gives the feel of running on someone else's track and calls for an adjustment of driving techniques. The height of my evening was three non-stop laps behind Brian Apthorpe, accompanied by Robert Oldfield. It was at the best part of the day, that almost perfect part when the sun is just going down and everything is tranquil. Only the rabbits seemed displeased.



A relaxed Peter Davies (or at least, part of him) at the controls of 'Baldrick', his Conway, which was built by Arthur Marsh to a Martin Evans design.

Photo: Nick Rudoe

An excellent evening. That well known 'Cheshire Cat' from the front cover of the August issue of the News Sheet was taking snaps; one or more might just accompany this short note. Then, to paraphrase Samuel Pepys, "and so to the Plough."

General Meetings Update by Mike Chrisp

Friday 2 September 2005: Work in Progress – On the Table

Work in Progress meetings provide an ideal opportunity to find out about our fellow members' current projects. The chance to appreciate the workmanship and problem solving involved always gives rise to interesting and enjoyable meetings. It would be great to learn about the model engineering activities of some of our more recently joined members. If you have something to bring along, please let me know by calling 01442-215245.

The meeting will be at our Headquarters in Legion Way, North Finchley, 8pm - 10pm, with tea and biscuits

courtesy of Frank Dell.

Next month (7 October 2005) his health permitting, the inimitable Keith Catchpole will trace the history of sound recording as developed by Thomas Edison. See you there!

Friday 7 October 2005: The Story of the Edison Cylinder Phonographs

Illustrated by working phonographs and colour slides, in this lecture Keith Catchpole traces the history of sound recording as developed by Thomas Edison. A long standing friend of North London SME, Keith has entertained us several times down the years. Deriving from his long experience as a teacher, Keith's fascinating talks are always authoritative and presented in a very professional fashion. While Keith has kindly agreed to present this lecture, he is currently not in the best of health and may have to postpone his talk to a future date, for which eventuality alternative arrangements are in hand.

The meeting will be held at our Headquarters in Legion Way, North Finchley, 8pm - 10pm, with tea and biscuits courtesy of Frank Dell.

Next month (4 November 2005) we will be entertained by the NLSME Video Group. See you there!

Friday 4 November 2005: Our Section – The Video Group

Continuing my policy of asking members of the various sections of our Society to demonstrate and describe their activities, tonight we turn the spotlight on our Video Group.

Members of this group were originally involved with shooting and editing 8mm film stock but with the current availability and convenience of electronic equipment, material is now produced in electronic form. The presentation will include a review of their activities in the 'early days' as well as an outline of their current projects, and we may even get to see some examples of their work!

The meeting will be at our Headquarters in Legion Way, North Finchley, 8pm - 10pm, with tea and biscuits, courtesy of Frank Dell.

Next month (2 December 2005) you are invited to our pre-Christmas Social Evening at Headquarters with informal anecdotes and reminiscences plus a finger buffet with accompanying liquid refreshment. See you there!

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Workshop Evenings by Mike Hodgson

Summer must be drawing to a close, since I have just been asked by our good Editor to say something about what we shall be doing in the workshop this winter.

So, on the 4th Friday in September we will be meeting, first to admire the wonderful tools and bits and pieces found at the delightful steam shows and rallies that we have enjoyed during this summer.

This year there will be no less than two projects to build this winter. First, a very fine lathe tool which everyone will want; the cutters that it uses are free.

This desirable device has been provided by our very own Peter Badger.

In addition, Derek Perham will be introducing a project that everyone under the sun will want to build. When we come to the point where we have a break, Dave Lawrence will kindly provide a very welcome cup of tea.

As indicated, meetings take place on the 4th Friday of each month, except December, up to and including April.



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2nd August, 2005

Dear Ian,

I am writing to thank you and all your members, for the wonderful day you gave our young Belarusian children on Thursday 14th July.

As I am sure you and everyone else there on the day realised, our children had a wonderful time and talked about it frequently until they went home. They absolutely loved their time with you and I think the tears when they left proved it. The children asked me again to thank your lovely club member who gave them gifts when they left. There was much excitement going home in the car as they spent the entire journey digging excitedly into goody bags! When I packed little Sergei's bag for home, he was very insistent that the football went in first! As you probably realise nothing like NLSME exists in Belarus, so the trip to the London Colney site really is a unique experience.

The children finally went home two days ago, bags filled to capacity with clothes, toiletries and gifts for the rest of their families. Although it is a busy time when they are here, we miss them when they leave. The children made a thank you card, which I have enclosed with this letter. Please can you display it somewhere at the club house so that your other members have a chance to see it.

Please pass on my sincere thanks to everyone who was involved on the day and I hope we have an opportunity to repeat the experience again.

Your truly

Penny

Penny Deans

FOCC

News from the Loco Section of the Tyttenhanger Committee

Robert and Jenny are soon moving to Dorset and I wish them both much happiness. But as a member he will be taking a less active roll and I will miss his sharing the section leader post.

We have received some very interesting and varied ideas/plans from which I believe will be agreed a consensus that will give us all much enjoyment over the years to come. Also a good response from the questionnaire will help us to move in the right direction.

We are rapidly approaching the Loco Section Meeting on 16 September at Headquarters, which will be devoted to presenting the plans and ideas of those already submitted. This will hopefully give us a list of features and facilities that the membership will enjoy. It will also inspire further ideas, so please continue to send me your ideas. The meeting will be very interesting and we look forward to seeing you there.

A list of proposed winter projects has been put on the notice board in the Coach at Colney Heath. Any suggestions to me would be very welcome. A more complete list will hopefully be completed before the next Newsletter.

Events

On Friday 5 August the General Meeting hosted by the Loco Section at Colney Heath went very well. The barbeque was well used with a good atmosphere. We adopted reverse running on the main line and quite a few members with steam engines and passengers enjoyed this rare occasion. So much so that I thought maybe we could plan a Saturday in next year's Diary for members only reverse running.

Saturday 13 August was Brian Apthorpe's Invitation Club Day. There was a good turnout of the regular visitors and their engines, which went well. I enjoyed the morning in good company and weather, but I had to leave reluctantly for a wedding in the afternoon.

Whose wedding? It was a very special day for Owen Chapman and Rachael Parr (now Chapman) who tied the knot in the afternoon at Leverstock Green Church. We wish Owen and Rachael much happiness for the future.

On Friday 19 August the Loco Section meeting at Colney Heath took place, despite the weather a number of us enjoyed the barbeque and chatted about various plans for the extended land.

On Saturday 27 August there is a Birthday Party; your help really would be welcome.

Let us not forget Monday 29 August Bank Holiday, members-only running day at Colney Heath. Make it a day for us to enjoy our wonderful and privileged facility.

An important Day in our Calendar, Saturday 10 September, is MENCAP children's visit to Colney Heath. So please come and support this worthwhile event to give the children a great day.

This brings us to Friday 16 September, at Headquarters, the Loco Section Meeting. Let us all enjoy this meeting; see you there.

Adrian Reddish

**Locomotive Section Meetings.
Third Friday of the Month.
Starting 8.00 pm.
Mainly at Headquarters in Summers Lane.**

2005.

September 16th **Tyttenhanger.** Whatever section you belong to this meeting will have something for you because the evening will be mainly devoted to discussing the plans for new land at Tyttenhanger. We will not

exclude other topics like stewarding and the raised track. Your help and suggestions are needed.

- October 21st **Terminal 5** is the largest civil engineering site in Europe. It has very little storage space and takes a km length of train supplies every hour. Come and hear Chris Vousden tell us all about the site from his first hand knowledge and experience.
- November 18th **Work in Progress.** This is your chance to show the club just what the Loco Section get up to. So don't be shy; show us yours and we will show you ours!
- December 16th **RHDR.** Robert Candish BA MCLIT is visiting us to talk about the RHDR. The multi-media presentation has been especially prepared for the Society so let's give Robert a real Christmas welcome, for an evening that will be enjoyable, interesting and instructive. Robert worked at the RHDR for many years.
- 2006.**
- January 20th An evening of members' **Slides.** We all have slides taken years ago that we can talk about for a few minutes, so bring them along. Now that we are in the computer age, I think that we are in a position to scan those cherished photos to show on the silver screen so don't be reticent. Not too many slides of old flames please, unless of course they happen to be of the steam-powered variety!
- February 17th **Members talking.** The lucky participants have not been chosen yet! So keep your head down, unless of course, that is, you would like to contribute to what is always a wonderful evening.
- March 17th **Steam in China.** Gordon Massey has been to visit China many times over the years and has taken some of the most stunning video shots of steam locomotives working hard that I have ever seen. He has made some of the visits during the winter just for the steam and snow effects and they are fantastic. This will be a night to remember.
- April 21st **Work in Progress.** Your last chance to show us what you were up to in the winter. So if you were not ready in November, now is the time to show the Club your prowess.
- May 19th **'The British Owned railways of Argentina.** Ralph Copnall lived his early life in Argentina and has returned on visits. He will give us a brief background to Argentine railway history, leading up to comments on the preservation scene. He will enliven the talk with personal reminiscences illustrated with stills spanning sixty years. This is a must for all sections of the Society.
- June 16th **BBQ** at Tyttenhanger. This will be the first of the season's BBQs at Tyttenhanger. For a relaxed evening this is the spot to be whatever section you belong to. Of course bring your own food, beer and the wife or the girlfriend (but not at the same time of course!)
- July 21st **BBQ** at Tyttenhanger. Get a bite to eat before you go off to Benidorm.
- August 18th **BBQ** at Tyttenhanger. Should be nice and quiet with all the affluent at the seaside with the kids.
- September 15th The Locomotive Section **'Where do we go from here?** Back at HQ. A led discussion and comments about the last running season, proceeding to constructive suggestions about the future.

Ian Johnston

Members' Questionnaire 2005

by Robert Oldfield

Firstly, may I take this opportunity to thank everyone who responded - as of 25th August, 89 of you (41%) out of a mailing list of 216 have done so. The survey will be kept open for any latecomers.

I took advice from a retired professional statistician (and NLSME member) who tells me that a response rate of 25 - 33% would be "average" for an organisation such as ours. 41% is "good" and,

given that everyone had an equal chance to reply, may be considered representative of the wishes of the membership who wish to express an opinion.

The responses (and percentages based on the 89 replies received and rounded to the nearest 1%) are herewith:

Question 1 - Your interests.

	<u>Very</u>	<u>Fairly</u>	<u>Overall</u>
Loco Section (raised track)	61	19	80 (90%)
Loco Section (ground level)	30	33	63 (71%)
Marine Section	12	34	46 (52%)
Garden Railway	12	41	53 (60%)
Stationary Steam	7	29	36 (40%)
Traction Engines	11	33	44 (49%)
OO Railway	6	22	28 (31%)
HO (North American) Railway	6	14	20 (22%)
Slot Car Section	4	7	11 (12%)
Video Section	6	3	9 (10%)
Workshop (HQ meetings)	14	33	47 (53%)
Outside Fetes & Fairs etc.	7	19	26 (29%)
On-site Birthday Parties etc.	12	24	36 (40%)
Barbecues at Colney Heath	12	23	35 (39%)
Membership speakers at HQ	25	32	57 (64%)
Outside speakers at HQ	32	30	62 (70%)
Film/video shows at HQ	14	32	46 (52%)
Visits from other Societies	20	36	56 (63%)
Visits to other Societies	10	37	47 (53%)
Visiting outside Exhibitions	25	40	65 (73%)
Major NLSME events (like the 2004 Jubilee weekend)	41	36	77 (87%)

There is a lot of "meat" here which should provide the basis for much future discussion. On the basis of "very" interested, it is probably no surprise that the highest-scoring activity, the raised track, attracts nearly as much interest as the third and fourth most popular categories (outside speakers at HQ and ground level) taken together. Possibly more surprising is the interest in our own major events, which feature second in the ranking with 41 'hits' and act as a showcase for the Society and bring the various sections together.

Question 2 - Stewarding at Colney Heath

Track Steward 97 "turns"
Tea Steward 54 "turns" (perhaps that should be "urns"...)

This year we will be running for 31 weeks out of 52 (an abnormally long season), which at current manning levels of 4 Track Stewards and 2 Tea Stewards requires 124 Track Steward "turns" and 62 Tea Steward ones. There has been SO much goodwill by so many to

undertake extra duties that it looks as if this thorny issue (including the requirement for extra stewarding and the problem of absenteeism) could at last be resolved, bearing in mind that not all loco section members have responded to this survey and that partners of members who tend to be rostered for tea duties do not (as far as I am aware) feature in the totals.

(Outside of this survey, I would like to put forward an overall proposal for 2006, bearing in mind both the above and the recent work conducted by

Ian Johnson, Mike Chrisp & Derek Perham).

Question 3 - Development of facilities at Colney Heath

Note: the totals will be less than 100% as a number of members expressed no opinion.

Members in favour of...

No development at all	6	(7%)
Ground level track only	12	(15%)
Raised Track extension only	7	(8%)
Ground level <u>and</u> Raised Track extension	58	(65%)

It is absolutely clear that the membership wish to see both ground level and raised track make use of the extra land. Extending only one or the other would be unacceptable. There are a number of suggestions for other facilities, too - see comments below.

If possible, should there be pedestrian & public access to the new area?

Yes	34 (38%)	No	46 (52%)
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It is possible that the "yes" response understates the overall view of the Society since the only other way of accessing the new land would be by train, which for the more elderly, infirm and disabled might not be feasible. Given the stewarding and safety concerns on one hand and the Disability Discrimination Act on the other, and with the vast expertise available within the Society, perhaps it would be possible for the Planning Team to seriously consider some kind of alternative access?

Would YOU be prepared to work on the new facilities?

Yes	34 (38%)
Probably	14 (16%)
Possibly	19 (22%)
No	17 (19%)

In addition, there were a number of interesting ideas & comments made. Some have been shortened/paraphrased. In no particular order:

1. Ground level yard for GL5 users, and appreciating the difference between their requirements and those of ground level passenger hauling. (3 members)
2. Ground level colour light signalling, presumably including lights at any crossing.
3. A raised level lay-by siding at station to facilitate driver breaks.

4. A new pond facility, given that the existing one has a finite life before extensive work will be required (2 members) with consideration given to landscaping/attractive gardens, and possibly set aside an area as a memorial garden to the Members who are no longer with us.
5. Training & steward training.
6. Shop for buying/selling unwanted models, materials etc. (a use for the crew room section of the coach?)
7. Improved workshop facilities.
8. Display tables around boat pool + extra seating.
9. Improve the ground level around the pond by pruning back the trees.
10. The existing facilities must not be compromised by new development. (2 members).
11. Although it would seem a natural reaction to suggest extending both the raised and ground level tracks, I would question whether the 7¼" track would ever be as popular as the current 3½" and 5" tracks.
12. To save the cost of maintaining 2 sites, move the Club HQ to Tyttenhanger.
13. Re-vamp (raised track) steaming bay and have direct passenger car access to the track.
14. Ground level track must permit continuous running.
15. Support of any plan publicised to and then agreed by the membership, costed, surveyed and managed by an experienced project manager. (3 members)
16. Regain our position as the longest and best (raised) track in the country.
17. Effectively separate trains from the Public with fencing or whatever.
18. Safeguard ground condition of existing car park.
19. Make HQ meetings available on DVD for the benefit of those not able to attend.

We're moving to Dorset, but it's not goodbye....

Dear All,

There are two drawbacks in me moving to Lyme Regis on 28th. September.

Firstly, the picturesque Axminster - Lyme Regis branch with its elegant Adams 4-4-2 radial tanks no longer exists. Much of the trackbed has been built over and, in spite of several local efforts to reinstate the railway, it seems destined never to happen.

Secondly, I'm going to miss you all at NLSME.

I'll come up for my Track Steward duties, of course, and hope to be around for the occasional meeting at HQ. But the pleasure of running an engine on a warm summer Sunday, or riding the old BSA to a

natter on a Thursday afternoon may well prove elusive.

I'm not going to mention names as there are so many of you, but "Thank You" for your help, advice, companionship - and for putting up with me during my all-too-brief spell on the Tyttenhanger committee.

I look forward to seeing the Society go from strength to strength. And if you're down in West Dorset and fancy a cuppa, do drop by.

Regards,

Robert Oldfield

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Mike Chrisp attends the Redbourne Rally....

Part of Mike Hodgson's enjoyment of the Steam Owners' and Drivers' Club Steam Rally held recently at Redbourn was a ride on this unusual vehicle.

Exhibited by David Philpott of Luton, it was identified in the programme notes as a 'Road Machines Ltd. Steam Dumper'. David explained that he had assembled the vehicle in 2001 and added: "a Rinder horizontal engine came my way in 1965, Walter Gower built me a replacement boiler in 1966, and I bought a dumper in 1970 with its engine missing."

This relatively small but enjoyable Steam Rally is well supported by members of North London SME who, like Mike, were able to enjoy the warmth of a sunny summer weekend for their attendance.

Photo: Mike Chrisp



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October 2005

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ROUTES TO THE EXHIBITION CENTRE:

From the South via M1: Leave the M1 at Exit 17 (M45). Follow the M45 to its end, then at the roundabout, follow the A45 (straight on). At the next junction (1 mile) turn left onto the B4453 signed Princethorpe. Follow this road for 3.3 miles until you come to the junction with the A423 Coventry-Banbury Road. At this junction go straight across on to the B4455 Fosse Way. Follow the B4455 for 5.1 miles passing through three crossroads to arrive at the Exhibition Centre.

From the North via M1: Leave the M1 at Exit 21 and take the M69/A46 right to its junction with the A45 and at this roundabout turn to the left taking the A45 signed London. After a few hundred yards take the slip road on the left marked A423 Banbury. Follow the A423 going straight across two roundabouts for approximately 3.7 miles to Princethorpe. At Princethorpe, turn right onto the B4455 Fosse Way for 5.1 miles passing through three crossroads to arrive at the Exhibition Centre.

From the North via M6: Leave the M6 at Exit 2 following Coventry signs, then at the roundabout take the A46 signed Coventry (E&S) and Airport to its junction with the A45. At this roundabout turn to the left taking the A45 signed London. After a few hundred yards take the slip road on the left marked A423 Banbury. Follow the A423 going straight across two roundabouts for approximately 3.7 miles to Princethorpe. At Princethorpe, turn right onto the B4455 Fosse Way for 5.1 miles passing through three crossroads to arrive at the Exhibition Centre.

From M40 London/South: Leave M40 at Exit 12 turning left onto the B4451 signed Gaydon/Kineton. After 0.5 miles turn right at roundabout onto the B4100 signed Lighthorne Heath. Follow B4100 for 3.8 miles and at the third roundabout turn right onto the B4455 signed Leicester (Fosse Way). Follow B4455 for 3.8 miles to the next roundabout. Turn right on to the A425 and the main car park is on the left after approximately 200 yards.

From M40 North/M42/M5: Leave M40 at Exit 14 signed Leamington following A452 approximately 0.75 miles to roundabout then take A452 (B4100) signed Stow/Gaydon (Note: not A452 LEAMINGTON). After 3.4 miles turn left at the roundabout onto the B4455 signed Leicester (Fosse Way). Follow B4455 for 3.8 miles to the next roundabout. Turn right onto the A425 and the main car park is on the left after approximately 200 yards.



Exhibition Link Bus from Coventry please note there is no service running Sunday 16th October

Outwards	Friday - Wednesday					Tues only	Sat
Rail Station	09.45	11.05	12.25	14.40	16.00	17.15	09.45 11.05 12.25 14.40
Exhibition	10.20	11.40	13.00	15.15	16.35	17.50	10.20 11.40 13.00 15.15
Return	Friday - Wednesday					Tues only	Sat
Exhibition	10.25	11.45	14.00	15.20	16.40	19.00	10.25 11.45 14.00 16.20
Rail Station	11.00	12.20	14.35	15.55	17.15	19.35	11.00 12.20 14.35 16.55

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A man in a hot air balloon realized he was lost. He reduced altitude and spotted a woman below. He descended a bit more and shouted, "Excuse me, can you help me? I promised a friend I would meet him an hour ago, but I don't know where I am."

The woman below replied, "You're in a hot air balloon hovering approximately 30 feet above the ground. You're between 40 and 41 degrees north latitude and between 59 and 60 degrees west longitude." "You must be an engineer," said the balloonist. "I am," replied the woman, "How did you know?" "Well," answered the balloonist, "everything you told me is, technically correct, but I've no idea what to make of your information, and the fact is I'm still lost. Frankly, you've not been much help at all. If anything, you've delayed my trip."

The woman below responded, "You must be in Management." "I am," replied the balloonist, "but how did you know?" "Well," said the woman, "you don't know where you are or where you're going. You have risen to where you are due to a large quantity of hot air. You made a promise, which you've no idea how to keep, and you expect people beneath you to solve your problems. The fact is you are in exactly the same position you were in before we met, but now, somehow, it's my fault."

THE BRAIN SPELLS

Derek Perham sent in the passage below. Just try and read it normally and see what happens...

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Source: The Innrteet.

Which Hole?

A man playing on a new golf course got confused as to what hole he was on. He saw a lady playing ahead of him. He walked up to her and asked if she knew what hole he was playing. She replied, "I'm on the 7th hole, and you're a hole behind me, so you must be on the 6th hole." He thanked her and went back to his golf.

On the back nine, the same thing happened, and he approached the lady again with the same request. She said, "I'm on the 14th, you are a hole behind me, so you must be on the 13th." Once again he thanked her.

He finished his round and went into the club house and saw the lady sitting at the end of the bar. He went up to her and said, "Let me buy you a drink to show my appreciation for your help." He started a conversation and asked her what kind of work she did. She said she was in sales, and he said he was in sales also. He asked what she sold.

She replied, "If I told you, you would only laugh."

"No, I wouldn't," he said.

She said, "I sell tampons."

With that he fell on the floor laughing so hard.

She said, "See, I knew you would laugh."

"That's not what I'm laughing at," he replied. "I'm a toilet paper salesman, so I'm STILL one hole behind you!"

📖 Dates for your Diary 📖

Friday 2 September	8.00pm General Meeting; Work in progress - on the table; HQ, Legion Way, North Finchley
Saturday 3 September	Private function
Tuesday 6 September	8.00pm Tyttenhanger Committee Meeting; Colney Heath (in the coach)
Saturday 10 September	MENCAP children's visit to Colney Heath (help required)
Sunday 11 September	11am Boating Regatta at Colney Heath; open day for local clubs
Monday 12 September	8.00pm Council Meeting; HQ, Legion Way, North Finchley
Friday 16 September	8.00pm Loco Section meeting; presentations and discussion of ideas for the New Land at Colney Heath; HQ, Legion Way, North Finchley
Saturday 17 September	Birthday Party at Colney Heath (help required)
Friday 23 September	8.00pm Workshop Evening (first of the Autumn Season); HQ, Legion Way, North Finchley;
Friday 23 September	<i>Deadline for copy to Editor for October News Sheet</i>
Saturday 24 September	G1MRA visit
Sat/Sunday 24/25 Sept	St Albans SME Exhibition
Saturday 1 October	Birthday Party at Colney Heath (help required)
Tuesday 4 October	8.00pm Tyttenhanger Committee Meeting; Colney Heath (in the coach)
Friday 7 October	8.00pm General Meeting; Talk by Keith Catchpole; HQ, Legion Way, North Finchley
Saturday 8 October	Birthday Party at Colney Heath (help required)
Monday 10 October	8.00pm Council Meeting; HQ, Legion Way, North Finchley
Friday 21 October	8.00pm Loco Section meeting; talk by Chris Vousden; HQ, Legion Way, North Finchley
Friday 21 October	<i>Deadline for copy to Editor for November News Sheet</i>
Friday 28 October	8.00pm Workshop Evening; HQ, Legion Way, North Finchley
Saturday 29 October	Starting at Dusk! Halloween Evening at Colney Heath
Sunday 30 October	9.00am. Start of winter working parties at Colney Heath
Tuesday 1 November	8.00pm Tyttenhanger Committee Meeting; Colney Heath (in the coach)
Friday 4 November	8.00pm General Meeting; spotlight on the Video Group; HQ, Legion Way, North Finchley
Monday 14 November	8.00pm Council Meeting; HQ, Legion Way, North Finchley
Friday 18 November	8.00pm Loco Section meeting; Work in progress; HQ, Legion Way, North Finchley
Friday 18 November	<i>Deadline for copy to Editor for December News Sheet</i>
Friday 25 November	8.00pm Workshop Evening; HQ, Legion Way, North Finchley

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Every Wednesday	Miniature Railways, British and American and Video Group at HQ
Every Thursday	Slot Cars Section at HQ
Every Sunday	Morning work parties at Colney Heath (start 9.00am).