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This Month...



The News Sheet

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Chairman's Comments



With spring behind us and summer upon us NLSME activities continue with renewed vigour.

The members day at the track was a great success. Having the site to ourselves only reinforces how fortunate we are to have this facility. I believe all members present thoroughly enjoyed themselves, a repeat event next year would not go amiss. The annual visit to Fareham Society's track was an excellent day. Fareham have 3.5 and 5" raised tracks, a 7.25" ground level track, Gauge 1 garden railway and a boating pond. They made us most welcome. Closer to home, NLSME had significant presence at the annual St Albans Steam

and Country Fair. Our members participated in the full size and model traction engine demonstrations, the motor cycle category and the elevated track, operated by fetes and fairs. I recommend next year's fair to you all.

On matters of club business:

Revised Boiler Test Codes have been issued, effective from 1st May. The codes now comprise three volumes. Volume 1. 3 – 1100 bar litres, Volume 2. up to 3 bar litres and Volume 3. Gas Tanks. The codes are substantially the same as previous versions although there are some new requirements. The Southern Federation Safety Officer advises, "*There is nothing much of a substantive nature in the apparent changes*". Our boiler testers are meeting to review the revised codes and advice will be given if amendments to our testing procedures are necessary.

To improve planning of new projects, the TSC have proposed use of a standardised Proposal Form. Council agree the desirability of this procedure which will apply equally to HQ and track projects. A separate item is included in this News Sheet to which I refer you.

LBSC's papers are now in our possession. An inventory of these is under preparation. It remains to be seen what interest these documents generate as much of the information is available elsewhere. Nonetheless we are privileged to be entrusted with the original documents. The council have yet to define the access requirements/restrictions/obligations, views from members will be welcome.

We continue to receive the occasional request to attend exhibitions. The '00'

group are attending three this year (refer dates for your diary). However, for society participation at exhibitions representing all our activities we need a volunteer for the rewarding (but not remunerated!) post of exhibition organiser. We review each exhibition invitation on its merits, consequently it is not necessarily an annual obligation. Anyone interested in this role, or who would like to find out what is involved, should please contact a member of the council.

The June general meeting at Colney Heath, subject 'First aid', was not as well attended as this topic, important to us all, deserves. Perhaps a bit of non-injurious arm twisting will be necessary next year.

Whilst on the topic of meetings the council have discussed restarting locomotive sections (note the plural) monthly meeting at HQ. It is several years since we held loco section meetings at HQ. Given that we now have a ground level track, two garden gauges, the raised track, 0, 00 and H0 layouts, six locomotive sections in all, I'll be astounded if we cannot find a few topics of interest. It is recognised that HQ is a long drive for many members who may not wish to journey so far, especially at night time. Nonetheless I am proposing a series of five meetings, on the third Friday of each month, commencing October (excluding December) and we will see if demand exists to continue with them next year. I invite suggestions for topics.

In the meantime, see you at Track or HQ.

**Les
Chairman.**

“All Change !”

An exhibition featuring the last 150 years of rail at Borehamwood.

It is on at the newly sited Museum at 96 Shenley Road Borehamwood. It is where the old corrugated iron building used to stand and is now a rather attractive block with the museum on the top floor. (lift available).

The exhibition is on just until 21st July so there is not much time left to visit.

Ian

Cover photo by Ian – Some of the roof repair gang completing the renovation of the platform roof.

Forthcoming General Meetings

Unless otherwise indicated General Meetings begin at 8pm at our Legion Way Headquarters in North Finchley, usually ending at about 10pm. All members are welcome and we are always happy to see friends and family attending. We hope for a good attendance to support speakers. Please remember that many of the meetings depend on the club to provide the catalyst for a stupendous evening.

For more information please ring me, Ian

NEW DATE!! NEW DATE!! Wednesday 18TH July BBQ at Colney Heath, seven pm start. This year instead of tomato soup it is to be vegetable with sausages as before. Please come along and join in but try to let me know how many sausages you will need! Come for a nice sausage and soup and a chatter. Bring the missus to see what you get up to.

Friday 3rd August. Chairman of the North British Society **Ken Livermore**, will give a slide show of **Great Eastern Lines 1954-1962** before the tea and then **engines of the North British Loco Co** with his own slides after the tea.

Friday 7th September. Work in Progress. Your 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 and progress. Bits of Locomotives please but this is a General Meeting so any general engineering is most welcome.

Ian
General Meetings Co-ordinator

Marine News



From our part the Members' Day went brilliantly and although we had the concept and co-ordinated it happening, the success was down to each section pulling together with each other bringing equipment and people on the day. what a tremendous turnout. Many thanks for all that you did.

There were many members' wives and families who told me they had never been before as not really interested in their other half's hobby but thoroughly enjoyed the day and will probably see more of them on site in future. Not sure if that is a good thing or not as it has taken away the sanctuary some members enjoyed whilst being away from home.

From the Marine Section I am sure you will join me in thanking Roy and Malcolm who managed the lake area giving many visitors the chance to learn and control the various boats they brought to site especially. That had to be the only area that really concerned me as I was flitting about so much making sure everywhere else was going as planned that I was unable to man the lake myself.

Also special thanks have to go to David and Pam who staffed the coach all day serving refreshments. When I asked the G1 section to cover it I thought they would take turns for an hour, the last thing I expected was any one to be inside all day on a pre booked sunny day.

I promise I did not waste all the sunshine on that one day and have plenty more reserved for our boating days. From past years I have found that although we aim at boating every Sunday this is not always practicable due to site access and stewarding commitments etc. when locos are running public open days on 1st and 3rd Sundays each month. But you should find us on all other Sundays around the lake area from about 12pm to 3pm. The water is clear, wet and ready for use. Kettle is warmed and ready so head on down.

Next Toy Boat Regatta coming up this month on Sunday 8th July. The last one in May had a very good turn out and plenty of unseen interesting boats visited.

With regards to our steam boat boiler testing I have had several contact me with concerns in email and written letter over how we implement the new rules

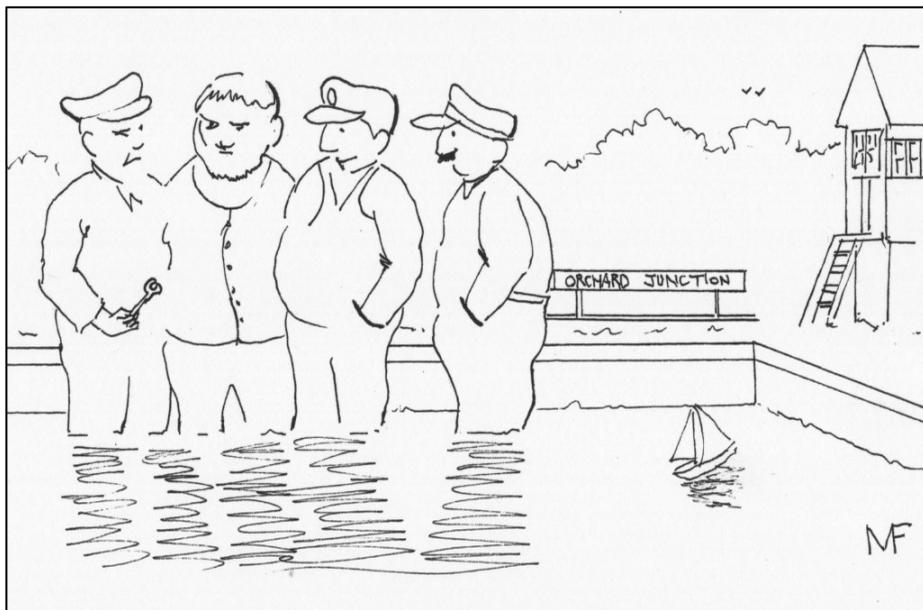
especially on very old models which were not built with this in mind and to alter now would cause problems. All I can say at this time is our Council has heard our pleas and the minute from the last meeting is -

“For the smaller boilers that affect the G1 and 45mm Narrow gauge and steam powered boats Council agreed a discussion at a boiler testers’ meeting (to be arranged) should invite George and Norman and David to attend so that a full understanding can be obtained and discussed of the new requirements and how they can be phased in to the Society and then be recommended to Council for implementation.”

A very positive and constructive response which I will endeavour to keep all informed as we move forward. How nice it is not to just get “the computer says no” and common sense is prevailing.

Catch you all Lakeside

**George
Marine Section Leader**



NLSME Fire Precaution Assembly Point by Michael Franklin

The Station Roof Nears Completion.

Photos by Jonathan A



Charity Visit to Colney Heath on September 8th Please can you help?

On the afternoon of September the 8th, we are hosting a visit from a Charity called ADD-Vance. This is a Hatfield based charity dedicated to giving support to families with children and young adults on the Autistic Spectrum. It is run by a personal friend of mine who is also a regular visitor, with her family, to Colney Heath public running afternoons.

The children and young adults will be supervised by their own parents and charity workers.

Please could you pledge support as follows?

- Raised track locos and drivers (including drivers for the Club locos and my own battery loco)
- Ground level trains and drivers
- Stewards

Please let me know if you can help.

Many thanks in advance of your support to make this a successful day.

Paul G

NLSME.

They said that it would not work and that it would be a fiasco.

But they were all wrong; it was a rip-roaring success!!!

(That is NLSME Members' Day at Colney Heath.)

There were many factors that made the day a success. Firstly, George's weather forecast was excellent in that the weather was brilliant. Secondly preparation and planning before the event was outstanding; the pool was clear, and the grass was mown to perfection with the 'new land', looking very inviting and well landscaped. Thirdly the various groups were standing by, ready to run and show off their locomotives and boats with a good contingent from the Gauge One section ready and able to provide teas, coffees and soft drinks by the hundred to thirsty members of the Club. Fourthly George had handled the publicity for the event and the running of it with the thoroughness and 'sensitivity' that he is well known for.

Incidentally the team from Gauge One Teas indicated that they were all getting older and could do with some younger help. At which point the scribe's daughters, remembering the good times they had 'doing the teas' in the past volunteered to help out in the future; perhaps we could do more.

Ground Level trains were run for the young and old member's relatives with both steam and motor driven trains taking the excited passengers round the immaculate grounds. The raised track guys not to be outdone had so many locomotives in steam that a restriction in numbers had to be made to avoid long waits for green signals.

The 16mm group showed off the newly refurbished track and line side accoutrements to attentive and happy observers and participants.

The boating section involved showing off and teaching youngsters how to sail their craft with RT control round the pond which was safely guarded to prevent inadvertent swims by enthusiastic children.

Gauge One trains were snaking their way round the table top circuit viewed by adoring would be members. Cars were parked concisely in the area under the direction of volunteer members acting as stewards.

The most important factor making the day a **Rip-Roaring success** was that, so many members and their families took the trouble to travel to Colney Heath and were rewarded with a wonderful afternoon provided with pleasure and pride by all sections at Colney Heath.

Let us make it an annual event but there again 'it won't work'.



Garden Rail, Gauge 1 Group News from David

The Group has enjoyed the recent better weather which has brought out some members from their winter hibernation. The grass is growing like mad, we are grateful to Nigel G for his efforts in assisting us to keep it down.

Late April a dozen or so of us made the journey to Hepworth near Diss for a day's running on East Anglia Group's indoor track. Norman and Geoff both took Eastern Region 2-4-0's, Norman's being the oil fired version *PETROLEA* and Geoff's the BR version. (Photo 1) We had an enjoyable day thanks to the generosity of our hosts. The occasion was tinged with a little sadness as East Anglian Group have to vacate their home for the last five years. We have since learnt that they have a temporary home for the rest of the year and are negotiating a permanent home for their track.

We have entertained the Gauge 1 Kent Group and seem to have broken the jinx which meant that their visits were always accompanied by RAIN. I am pleased to report that we had a day of continuous sunshine. Kent Group members were on sight early as they had not met the expected M25 delays, the coffee and tea were ready and they soon had their locomotives and stock unpacked and trains running. We were entertained by a wide range of locomotives ranging from a diminutive T3 0-6-0T of Prussian State Railways (Photo 2) to a streamlined passenger locomotive *MALLARD* (Photo 3), both these locomotives built by manufacturer Aster Hobby of Japan and spirit fired. The small size of the T3 means that it has a very small boiler and has no space for an axle pump to refill the boiler. The problem has been overcome by permanently attaching a coach behind the locomotive which contains a spirit tank with flexible feed pipe to the loco and a water tank with a hand pump to keep the boiler topped up. Lovely to see it ambling round, and to watch all the elements of the Alan valve gear whirring away pulling a short passenger train.

The first batch of T3's were built for Prussian State Railways by Henschel in 1882, the later batches, on which the model is based carried steam domes. Water was carried in well tanks and coal in bunkers on both sides of the locos in front of the cab. In all over 1300 were built by various manufactures for different railway companies. Eventually many were absorbed into Deutsche Bundesbahn and its East German equivalent. At least one has been preserved albeit fitted with a tender and one has featured on a German postage stamp.

Photos:

1. Norman & Geoff at Hepworth David West

- 2. Prussian T3 Aster Model David West
- 3. A4 MALLARD Aster Model Patrick O'Donnell
- 4. Southern Q1 emerging from station overbridge David West





The Samuel Ryder Visit to Colney Heath on 17th May.

Organised by Tracey



The Year One's had the pleasure of visiting the Colney Heath Train Tracks on the 17th May. The children and staff had a fantastic time. We really enjoyed experiencing the different types of trains and having the opportunity to control some of the models. It was a fantastic way of concluding our 'Toys and Mechanisms' topic.

Thank you to all who were involved!

Cherie
Year 1 Teacher



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The NLSME's visit to Fareham on 9th of June.

A report by Mike A

The day dawned dull but dry and apart from a slight drizzle in the late afternoon, which nobody really noticed, a good time was had by all.

Those attending were Jonathan A, Chris V, Les B and myself. Les's Son, James and his baby son joined us late in the afternoon. We were well looked after by the ladies in the catering department who kept us all well fed and watered as usual. We all arrived between 11 & 11.30 after having good Journeys. No holdups. On arrival we found the Portsmouth M.E. running several electric locos, but no steam.



Les was the first to venture on the track (above) with his Juliet which he said was its first ever run in 40 years on a foreign track. He had what appeared an effortless run, setting a high standard for the rest of us. The clock had made its way to lunch time and we all retired to the club house to be fed and watered.

After lunch Jonathan, Chris and I prepared to run. Jonathan was first on with his class 14 and ran right through to 4 ish. The rest of us steamed up and followed suit. Chris had his 3 1/2 black five and I my D49. Les's son arrived about two thirty & Les steamed up Juliet and James had a run leaving Les holding the baby. A good run was had by all.

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We were all packed up and ready to make our way home by five and having thanked our hosts for their hospitality, we, Chris, Jonathan and I made our way to the Rose & Crown Apsley for food and refreshment. A good day was had by all.





For Sale

5 Inch Gauge
Freight Train.
Coal truck, Oil
tanker, Guards
Van and five
decorated Vans,
e.g. Colmans
Mustard.





Rolling Road

The Council and TSC consider that incorporation of a rolling road into one of the new 3.5/ 5 inch gauges steaming bays would be useful addition to our facilities. It is envisaged that separate rolling road would be required for the 7.25 gauge.

Whist stand alone rolling roads are available commercially, these require the locomotive to be lifted and placed on them. It is felt that the ingenuity of our members could improve on this, devising mechanisms for ease of adjustment of varying wheel centres, number of driven axles and, ideally, avoiding lifting of the locomotive.

This would be an interesting project for one or two members looking for a challenge. The specification would be jointly developed with the TSC and the design reviewed prior to cutting metal. Manufacture would not necessarily fall on the designers, volunteers would be identified!

Anyone interested in participating in this project are invited to contact any council member or TSC Chairman, Peter B.

Les

Meeting at Rugby MES

The second of this year's special themed events at Rugby for this year.

This event is specifically for locomotives built by BR, prototypes built for BR (such as Kestrel), or preceding railway company locomotives presented in BR liveries. We are aiming to build on last year's successful events and try to present an even better experience for our visitors. Our members have been working hard over this winter to progress the final stages of the extension to our ground level 7.25" track. We are on track to have completed all the track laying including the new station, and all the points will be powered allowing drivers to select which direction they wish to travel for the start of this season's running.

Please can you alert your membership to this event, we would love to see a great variety of engines and clubs represented.

Regards

Edward Parrott. On behalf of Rugby MES.

NLSME Project Proposal Form

Over the years that the NLSME has been in existence we have seen the Society grow from humble beginnings to one of the premier model engineering societies within the UK. One of our strengths has been the large membership with its many and some might say varied sections, but still with an emphasis on model engineering. In some ways this can also create a problem when, for instance, one of the sections may wish to start a new project or enhance/modify something already in existence and need to request money for doing so. Also, in these litigious times it is important that due consideration is given to health & safety which may well require the completion of a Risk Assessment.

Going forward, in order to address the method of tabling a project for consideration by either the Council (for Headquarters projects, and final financial approval if appropriate) and/or the Tyttenhanger Site Committee (TSC), a Project Proposal Form was approved for use at the June Council Meeting.

So, what happens now you may ask? Well, if you, through your Section Leader, wish to submit a project for consideration, and hopefully approval by the TSC and/or the Council please complete the form with as much detail as possible and submit this through the Council Secretary or TSC Secretary for consideration. You may well be asked to attend a meeting to explain the project in more detail but this way we as a Society can give full consideration to projects and formally record the outcome of the submission.

A Project Proposal Form can be requested from any Council Member.

Some of the boxes needing to be filled in on the form are -

- Works Proposed and Why These Are Proposed
- Proposed actions needed to achieve to proposal
- Materials needed and estimate of costs
- Who are the leads for the proposal?
- Has a Risk assessment been undertaken, if Yes provide details, if not advise why not:
- Estimated Duration Of Project

Nigel G – Council Member

Dates for your Diary

JULY	2018
Sun 1st July	Public Running at Colney Heath. 2pm to 5pm
Sun 1st July	Fetes & Fairs at Larks in the Park
Tue 3rd July	Council Meeting at HQ, 8pm
Sat 7th July	H0 section run, contact Rai
Sat 7th July	Fetes & Fairs at Slip End contact is Jim
Sun 8th July	Toy Boat Regatta contact is George
Sat 14th July	D. Perham birthday party
Sun 15th July	Public Running at Colney Heath. 2pm to 5pm
Tues 17th July	TSC meeting at St. Marks Church Centre, 8pm
Wed 18th July	General Meeting. 7pm, BBQ at Colney Heath. Ian J
<i>Fri 20th July</i>	<i>Deadline for copy to Editor for August News Sheet</i>
27th/28th/29th	Fetes & Fairs at Decorum Steam Rally
AUGUST	2018
Fri 3rd Aug	General Meeting at HQ, 8pm, Guest Ken Livermore
Sat 4th Aug	Brian's Visitor Day
Sun 5th Aug	Public Running at Colney Heath. 2pm to 5pm
Tues 7th Aug	Council Meeting at HQ, 8pm
Tues 14th Aug	TSC meeting at St. Marks Church Centre, 8pm
Wed 15th Aug	East Anglian G1 visit to NLSME, contact is David
<i>Fri 17th August</i>	<i>Deadline for copy to Editor for September News Sheet</i>
17th/18th/19th	Fetes & Fairs at Flamstead Scarecrow Festival
Sun 19th Aug	Public Running at Colney Heath. 2pm to 5pm
Sat 25th Aug	Visit by Fareham & Chelmsford MESs, contact is Mike C

NB. Please notify Alan (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.