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FROM THE CHAIR

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2008/2009

Whilst I have been your Chairman, I have been very keen to promote social events where members and their families and friends can enjoy the facilities of the Society, particularly at Colney Heath.

The main social event of last year was, of course, the Gala Weekend, efficiently managed by our Peter Davies and his band of helpers. It was pleasing to note the involvement of most of the Society's Sections, as it was particularly a Society event for all members to enjoy. The Council encouraged Peter to use the event, opened by our President, to inaugurate the completion of the first phase of the Ground Level Railway, as well as the new loop on the Raised Track. Last summer was not noted for its summery weather, but the weekend was blessed with two days of sunshine, so that we all could enjoy the Colney Heath Site at its best.

These events take a lot of organisation and general management to make sure that all the events slot conveniently into place - the bands, the hog roast, the beer tent, the food and general catering. Our thanks again to all who contributed in whatever way to make that weekend such a success.

The year did have its difficulties, notably with the Headquarters, where we were threatened with a considerable rent increase. At the time of writing this report, this increase has not been applied to the Society, so we continue to pay our bills at the old rate. In May, the HQ building was raided by vandals, who broke in but fortunately nothing was taken. The roof of the old library caused trouble and leaked in the bad weather and ultimately, we had to call in roofing contractors to repair parts of the roof. The roof (and ceiling) have now been fully restored and the room is now dry and can again have a useful purpose.

In our usual fashion, the Locomotive Section entertained many charity visitors during the summer months. The children particularly enjoyed BIG BLUE, Laurie's large locomotive. There were, as usual, Club days when visitors from other Societies came to enjoy our tracks. Unfortunately, many visits were marred by poor weather. Conversely, after the poor summer, we had a more conventional winter with lots of snow. My main memory is a short video of Peter MacDonald charging through the snow drifts on the Ground Level track with his loco.

This year the winter working parties have been in full swing on several days of the week. As a result of their efforts, the Raised Track anti-tip rails have been corrected as a safety measure. The Ground Level Railway has completed most of its planned track work, the bridge is up and painted, the points cross-overs are installed and as I write, the signal box is being constructed. The Ground Level Railway now looks more like a real railway with its various intersections. The area around the pond has been cleared of self-set plants and the prepared area will shortly be re-set with appropriate bushes and plants. The pond area, with its clear water, has become a most desirable feature of that part of our site.

During the rest of this year, members of the Garden Railway Section are preparing to move their track to the larger area of land within the Raised Track so that their locos can operate on a larger radius system. Perhaps with all their efforts, the unsightly nettle beds will be finally killed off and new grass grown.

Finally, after many years of enduring a muddy car park area, Laurie Steers, Peter Funk and others cleared away the compacted areas and built a circular roadway of road scalplings around the car park. This has proved most successful and has been operational throughout the winter. Some of the grass areas have been re-sown and, hopefully, by the drier summer months, we shall have a decent car park again.

I would like to thank our two editors who have been involved in the production of the News Sheet. In the autumn last year, Nick Rudoë stood down after several years in the editorial chair, and Nick Griffin successfully took over. Their efforts are much appreciated, as a large Society like ours, with its diverse activities, needs the News Sheet communication to keep us all in touch with the many events and activities which take place throughout the Society. Thanks to you both.

Lots of people, within the Sections and on the Council and Tyttenhanger Site Committee, freely give of their time and effort in making the Society work and prosper. Thank you all for your support in whatever contribution you make, and for making this year of my Chairmanship such a pleasant task.

David Harris

Cover picture: 2763 waiting to be turned on the turntable on Young Street Yard as exhibited at John Keble Church Hall 18th April 2009.

Photo: Owen Chapman

TREASURER'S REPORT

A new Club year starts and Subscriptions are arriving in a steady stream. Keep up the good work and don't forget to return your completed renewal form together with your Membership card, S A E and a cheque would help as well. A couple of people who have decided to pay their subs. by Standing Order have hit a problem insofar as Lloyds TSB Bank, our bankers, only show on their documentation a seven digit account number, whilst the rest of the banking system uses an eight digit field. All you need to do is add another zero onto the front of the account number. The IBAN number quoted does not have this problem as it includes the extra zero.

Any members requiring forms to renew their Footman James insurance policies please give me call or email.

The April Council Meeting welcomed one new member to the Society.
Alan Crittenden, Interests:- Marine and Horological matters.

Mike Foreman



Young Street Yard receiving lines for the switching (shunting for the UK) yard as exhibited at John Keble Church Hall 18th April 2009.
Photo: Owen Chapman

THE APRIL GENERAL MEETING BY OMAH

Mike Chrisp greeted us as usual and welcomed our speaker, Frank Banfield, who had brought another selection of vintage 16mm films from his collection. Upon being asked how many he had, he replied—"lots!"

Frank Banfield's first film was a 1952 BTF (British Transport Films) largely dedicated to London trolleybuses, and their demise, but also covered the LT Museum contents, which was at Syon Park at that time. The next item was particularly interesting depicting Barnes Wallis talking to camera and covering his career in the aviation industry, with cutaway shots of film and still photos plus comments from people who knew him. While working for Vickers as a draughtsman and then designer, he was involved with the airship R80 shortly after WW1, moving on to the R100 c1924 (Nevil Shute also worked with him as Chief Calculator). Despite the success of the R100, the rival Air Ministry R101 crashed at Beauvais in 1930, putting an end to British airship involvement. Moving on to heavier than air machines he designed the Vickers 'Wellesley' followed by the 'Wellington', both of which used his geodetic frame originally, used in the R100. During WW2 he became part of a team of scientists working on suggestions, in their particular field, to assist the war effort. His suggestions included the 'bouncing bomb' and the 'earthquake' bombs 'Tallboy' and 'Grand Slam'. After the war he turned to supersonic aircraft, 'Swallow' was intended to have wings, which folded toward the tail once above take-off speed to reduce drag and increase air speed to supersonic (Swing-Wing). Embittered by the Air Ministry refusal to finance production he took the design to the US whom likewise declined to produce it but kept the set of drawings he had provided. Shortly afterward, they produced the F111 which bore a startling resemblance to his design. The Air Ministry then cancelled the BAC TSR-2 (a non swing-wing design) and ordered the F111! (In later years, he said that whenever he felt depressed he thought of the F111 which always cheered him up.)

This was followed by an ITN Roving Report showing rail transport in South America, all steam, showing the climb over the Andes, passengers being administered oxygen if required at the higher altitudes. They showed another climb in Lima. (Some of the route was covered by Mike and Angela Foreman a while back while on holiday). We then saw a miscellany of transport on the Clyde coast including some rather nice paddle steamers. Next was the building of an LNWR 4-4-0 No.6000, 'Coronation', c1911. Starting with the making of the component parts and finishing with the completed loco emerging from the shops was very interesting, particularly the total disregard for H&S, (They didn't appear any the worse for it.) After a Crewe miscellany we had a film called "Steel in the Midlands" showing the manufacture and

types of steel for various applications. One of the first shots was a rolling mill, this caused some sharp intakes of breath as the men feeding the stream of white hot steel from one roller end into the next. They just grabbed the end with a pair of tongs and swung it round into the next set of rollers with aplomb, they were standing on the shop floor at the same level as the steel which, had they missed it, would quite quickly have coiled round their legs. As each set of rollers decreases the diameter so does it increase the speed of transition, bet that kept them on their toes. What started as a hefty ingot finishes as a roll of wire. Among the special steels was some for the 'Comet', that dated it. Both interesting and in our area of activity.

A German canal with a tracked vehicle to drive the boat on then haul it up the rail track to the next level instead of using locks. (Tony Dunbar showed us a similar system some time ago when he returned from one of his trips). It was a balanced system with one boat coming down to help the other up.

The final offering was one I had seen before called "Dodging the Column" about the journey of an oil refinery tower from Greenwich to Grangemouth, quite an undertaking before the days of motorways. They had a tractor at the front and rear of the trailer, which enabled them to perform some extremely difficult turns. They came up against many obstacles but managed to overcome them and arrive at their destination a day early. A good end to another splendid evening of films

Mike mentioned that commercial boilers without CE marks, to indicate that they had been constructed to meet current requirements, would not be acceptable to insurance companies. In addition, club/etc boiler testers would not be permitted to test and certificate them. Mike Foreman reminded us that subs were due, ideally accompanied by the short questionnaire sent out with the newsheet. Mike Ruffell announced that a group from the Northolt MES would be visiting the track on October 10th.

Mike C had some sad news; Keith Catchpole had died on March 24th. Keith had entertained the Society on many occasions over the years and although he was not a member, his association with us merited that we should stand in silence as a tribute to his memory. The Society would be represented at the funeral.

David Harris, Mike Chrisp, and I attended Keith's funeral. It was a very moving service with over a 100 people present, Keith was involved in many activities and was obviously held in high esteem.

Jim Robson

MARINE MUMBLES (Rides Again).

Everything looks good for the sailing season. The pond is virtually clear of drowned leaves. I am getting seriously worried about Dave Lawrence's mental state as he keeps inventing bigger and better nets. His latest one has its own cod-end, sorry leaf-end, which works "blooming" well when dragged back and forth across the bottom of the pond. I hope this will be the end of the net saga, once Dave is in therapy.

The first "official" use of pond will be The Toy Boat Regatta on Sunday 10th May.

You may remember we were invited to the Mayor's Thames Festival weekend (12th & 13th September). There appears to be a registration fee, which I hope will be waived as we are a non-profit making society. Once I have heard from Kate (the organiser) that all is OK, we will go into "exhibition mode". If anybody wants to come and show off their handiwork let me know. It seems there will be no problem with close car parking to the stalls (as they call them). Will keep you all informed as I find out more.

I even got special dispensation from the Boss (Sandra) to go to the track today (Thurs 16th) with the rest of "the little boys". So what happened? It rained. So I wrote this instead.

Peter Stern.

COMMITTEE MEETING NEWS

Council Meeting 6TH APR 2009

The St Albans museum "lost Railways" event at which we have been invited to participate is being considered by Jim Macdonald and team regarding taking the portable track.

Barnet Council have replied to our question on repair to the gate posts at the entrance to the HQ site. They intend to inspect and establish if under the lease they are responsible for their reinstatement.

The Southern Federation News Sheet has been received and is posted in the Coach at Colney Heath.

As no further comments had been received from Council members upon the proposed Constitution changes in respect of the TSC representatives and elected persons the Secretary queried if further action would precede the AGM. Council agreed that the matter should be left until after the AGM.

The work in the library was virtually complete and thanks were recorded to L Dobbs for his efforts.

GENERAL MEETINGS 2009 – FORTHCOMING PROGRAMME

Unless otherwise stated, General Meetings are held 8–10pm at our Legion Way Headquarters in North Finchley. Thanks to Peter Davies (a man with a persuasive manner) we usually have a raffle (donations of suitable prizes appreciated), and thanks to Ron Thorogood (maestro of kettle and teapot), we usually have refreshments around 9pm. All profits from meetings go directly to club funds. All members are welcome at any of our General Meetings and we are always happy to see members' friends and family, too. We like to see a good attendance to support our speakers and look forward to your company.

1 May 2009

WHAT LIES AHEAD?

The intention for this evening's meeting is to provide a structured opportunity to consider and to discuss the future of the North London Society of Model Engineers by taking both short and long term views. Recent concerns have involved our future occupation of our Finchley headquarters and public access to the track site at Colney Heath. Both matters involve financial considerations. Others may wish to take a more philosophical view about the future of our hobby. Your views and opinions are important, so please consider attending this meeting so that we may hear them.

22 MAY - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All with an interest in Society affairs and their management should attend this meeting.

5 JUNE – LOCK, STOCK & BARREL

Ray Tuthill will present an illustrated talk about the Royal Small Arms Factory (1816-1987) in Enfield.

3 JULY – WORKING MODELS

An informal evening to bring and run something on air – or whatever.

7 AUGUST – FORUM: ENGINEERING MATERIALS

An opportunity to discuss the materials encountered during our pursuit of the hobby.

MIKE'S MUSINGS.

At the last Loco meeting we were without the services of our scribe Roger Bell due to a prior engagement, consequently I will only be able to provide those of you who were not present with brief details of the meeting.

Mike Chrisp addressed the meeting prior to the main agenda, the subject being commercially made boilers that have been sold to Model Engineers and are non compliant with CE regulations. He then went on to read out the relevant information as supplied by our insurers The Royal Sun & Alliance dated 7/04/2009. From what Mike said, it is clear that if you are buying a commercially made boiler make certain that it is from a reputable supplier and not from one of those that offer very low prices and delivery next week as you may well find that you will not be able to obtain a boiler certificate. Finally Mike answered questions.

In connection with the above may I recommend you to read an article entitled Faulty Locomotives – caveat emptor in the editors column of the Model Engineer dated 8th – 23 rd April 2009.

May I urge you to attend the AGM to elect your Council for the forthcoming year and also to cast your vote if you have strong feelings with regards to the frequency of public running days.

Now a thank you to all those members who have contacted me regarding the stewards rota. Some unfortunately for various reasons cannot steward and others have offered their services for a second stint, thanks again.

Forthcoming Loco Section Meeting.

Friday May 15th: - Work in progress. Should be lots to look at on the table, as this is the first Loco Section work in progress meeting for over 12 months.

Friday June 19th: - 1st BBQ of the summer at the track.

Friday July 17th: - BBQ at the track.

Friday August 14th: - Last BBQ of the season at the track.

Mike Ruffell.
Loco Section Leader.



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Agenda for the Annual General Meeting
The North London Society of Model Engineers
22nd May 2009

1. To open the meeting and receive any apologies for absence
2. To receive and approve the Minutes of the 2008 Annual General Meeting and consider any matters arising.
3. To receive the Chairman's report for the past year.
4. To receive the Treasurer's report and approve the Annual Accounts to 31st March 2009.
5. To propose a vote of thanks to the Auditors and appoint two auditors for the next 12 months.
6. To propose a vote of thanks to the Officers of the past year and to elect a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer for the next twelve months.
7. To propose a vote of thanks to the Council Members and News Sheet Editor of the past year and to elect five Council Members and a News Sheet editor for the next twelve months.
8. To propose a vote of thanks to the Society President and approve his election for the next twelve months.
9. To transact any other business properly brought to the Annual general Meeting, notice of which shall have been received and sent to members 10 days before the meeting.
10. To close the Annual general Meeting.

NORTH LONDON SOCIETY OF MODEL ENGINEERS

MINUTES OF THE 64TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON FRIDAY, 23 MAY 2008, AT HEADQUARTERS

QUORUM - 25 MEMBERS, 49 PRESENT

1. The Chairman opened the meeting by asking the members present to reflect on members who had died during the preceding year: Mac Gower, Bob Fitzhugh, Frank Dell.

2. **APOLOGIES** for absence were received from Les Brimson, The Corcoran Family, Tony Dunbar, Jack Edwards, Peter Precious, Mike Ruffell.

3. **THE MINUTES** of the 63rd AGM held on 4 May 2007 were published in the May News Sheet and were taken as read. Brian Apthorpe proposed and Derek Perham seconded that they were a true record of the meeting. The meeting unanimously agreed and the Chairman duly signed them.

4. **MATTERS ARISING** There were no matters arising.

5. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** The Chairman, David Harris, commented that his report had been published in advance in the May 2008 News Sheet and could be taken as read. Keith Bartlam proposed and Nick Rudoie seconded its adoption. The meeting agreed.

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT** The Treasurer, Mike Foreman, presented audited accounts for the Society, a copy of which is appended to these Minutes. Peter Stern proposed and Owen Chapman seconded their adoption. Agreed.

The meeting proposed a vote of thanks to Jean Chrisp and Jim Robson for their efforts in auditing the accounts. Both Jean Chrisp and Jim Robson were proposed as auditors for the following year. Proposed by Mick Avery and seconded by Geoff Burton. Agreed.

7 **ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS** In the absence of other nominees, the following were elected/re-elected unopposed for the year 2008/9.

Chairman:	David Harris
Vice-Chairman:	Mike Chrisp
Secretary:	Alan Marshall
Treasurer:	Mike Foreman

Council Members: Les Brimson, Tony Dunbar, Peter Funk,
David Lapham, Gerry Moore

A vote of thanks was proposed by Laurie Steers and seconded by Dave Lapham. The Chairman said that the retiring Officers and Council Members had enjoyed being part of a team to manage the Society's affairs effectively. He welcomed the new members to the Council.

8. **ELECTION OF TRUSTEES** It was not clear at the meeting whether trustees need to be elected at this time, hence the matter was deferred until a later meeting.

POST MEETING NOTE: Following contact from the Barnet Council, our HQ landlords required to know the names of the trustees; the Chairman designated Alan Marshall, Tony Dunbar and himself as Society Trustees. This action was later ratified at a subsequent Council meeting.

9. **ELECTION OF PRESIDENT** Mr Andrew Smith, Chief Executive of Three Valleys Water plc, was elected as President. Proposed by Mike Foreman, seconded by Mike Chrisp. Agreed.

10 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- The inevitability of a substantial rent increase for the Society's Finchley headquarters was discussed at length. Various options for possible actions following such an increase were considered.
- Clarification of the situation concerning the refurbishment of Jupiter was sought by Ron Price. The locomotive, bequeathed to the Society following the death of member Bill Camp, and now completely dismantled, is currently with Owen and Rachael Chapman. Considerable work and expenditure is required to bring this locomotive back into service for which a budget has been set aside.
- The maximum tenure of any Officer or Council Member of the Society was raised by Derek Perham who felt that a maximum period could encourage volunteers to these positions knowing that their duty would not extend into the distant future. He also felt that new blood would bring fresh ideas and invigorate the Society.
- The Chairman presented Bert Mead with his membership card dating from 1944 to the present day.

11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the 65th Annual General meeting will be Friday, 22 May 2009 at Headquarters.

Council Candidate statements

D Harris nominated for Chairman.

I am David Harris. I am prepared to be elected as Chairman of the Society for one more year. As your Chairman, I would continue to foster the spirit of friendship and companionship that now exists across the whole Society, by giving my support to all members.

A Marshall nominated for Secretary

Having spent my first year as the Secretary of the Society, the experience has been good. I would therefore like to hold the office for a further year in support of my Council colleagues working to maintain the enthusiasm and well being of the Society that has been evident over the last year.

I have interests in all steam motive power, marine and HO and the building of models in general.

M Foreman nominated for Treasurer

For the past two years I have had the honour of being the Treasurer for both the Society and for the Tyttenhanger Site Fund. I have, I believe I have discharged this duty in a diligent manner, providing the Council and Tyttenhanger Site Committee meetings with detailed reports on our financial state of affairs. I am willing to carry on with this duty for the forthcoming year and look forward to the Society furthering its many ambitions and plans, both at HQ and at the Tyttenhanger site.

M Chrisp nominated for Council member

During more than forty years as an active member of North London SME, I have contributed to Society affairs to the best of my ability.

Most of my working life has been associated with engineering, first with Marconi Instruments in St. Albans, then at St. Albans College, and finally with *Model Engineer* magazine from which I retired in 2004. In this last capacity I made many good friends in the hobby and became the 'public face' of model engineering. I am fortunate to have retained these friends, and seem to remain in the latter role.

An active model engineer with principal interests in steam and workshop topics, I have several completed projects and a number in progress. Currently I am President of Fareham DMES and Chairman of the Society of

Model & Experimental Engineers. I also represent North London SME as a Committee Member of the Southern Federation of Model Engineering Societies.

Concerning Society matters, I have my own strongly held opinions but believe in listening to others and endeavour to reach considered and reasoned conclusions on matters under discussion. I believe a long-established and nationally respected Society such as ours requires continuity in Council. It is with these points in mind that I offer my services for a further term.

T Dunbar nominated for Council member

During my 20 years membership of the Society I have had the honour to serve it at all levels from Council to Chairman.

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

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

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

G Mogg nominated for Council member

I am a qualified engineer and spent my working life in the electronics and computer industries. During my career I designed many large computer and communications systems, and successfully managed many high value projects. I ran my own business for several years and in the fifteen years before retirement I was an IT and business consultant.

My primary model engineering interests are Gauge 1 and the new Garden Railway, but I am also interested in the running of the larger scales at Colney Heath.

I am standing for election as a committee member as I feel that, given my background, I can well represent not only those members who are interested in Gauge 1 but also the membership at large. I am well versed in business procedures, highly objective, and enjoy achieving results by teamwork and consensus. I am used to public speaking and I believe I can be an effective voice for members and their views.

We are fortunate in having the Colney Heath site and my vision is to see that the best use is made of this to the benefit of all members who use the site. To this end my initial objective is to see through the building of the new Garden Railway as a first class facility, not only to cater for the present large and growing Gauge 1 following, but also to attract new members. On a broader front, I would like to see the whole site managed in a cohesive manner to provide a set of railways which run well together and to further their enjoyment by all. There is room for expansion of both the Raised Track and Ground Level Railways, and I envisage us all working together to achieve improvements and enhancements to both railways which are well co-ordinated and balanced and have the approval of all members.

G Moore nominated for Council member

Wishes to continue as a Council member providing continuity of office.

P Funk nominated for Council member

Wishes to continue as a Council member providing continuity of office

D Lapham nominated for Council member

Wishes to continue as a Council member providing continuity of office

S Jones nominated for Council member

My interests in the society are mainly 5 inch locos to which I am in the making of a large narrow gauge switcher. I have been active in the design of the new Garden rail layout, and have built an exhibition diorama for the HO section. I attend working evenings on the American HO layout at Finchley, together with helping others overcome steaming bay issues. I also video recorded our Gala weekend for the society. I think you would agree my interests are widespread throughout the Society. I would like to mention in the short time I have been involved in the club I have made many friends and have the appreciation of a majority of the society over many sections.

The reason for standing for committee/council member is to offer my skills to the society. I am already a committee member of a model flying club which has now achieved the title of the best club in the south of England due to facilities we have funded through our subscriptions and working teams. I may well be standing down from this position to give more time to help out the NLSME. I also run various businesses, which give me the edge on problem solving and future planning. I am also a designer, which I would like to bring to the society for future planning of projects.

My vision for the future of the society is to bring together all sections; help with its running; sustain it to be an enjoyable place to work and dare I say it, play. I would also like to understand and aid the efficiency of the society, and help problem solve key areas to the running of, should it arise. I believe the progression of the society is vital in its future and would like to help maintain a process and watch it grow into an even bigger success.

Chuckle Corner

Understanding Engineers - Take one

To the optimist, the glass is half full.
To the pessimist, the glass is half empty.
To the engineer, the glass is twice as big as it needs to be.

Understanding Engineers - Take Two

What is the difference between mechanical engineers and civil engineers?

Mechanical engineers build weapons and civil engineers build targets.

Understanding Engineers - Take Three

The graduate with a science degree asks, 'Why does it work?'
The graduate with an engineering degree asks, 'How does it work?'
The graduate with an accounting degree asks, 'How much will it cost?'
The graduate with an arts degree asks, 'Do you want fries with that?'

Understanding Engineers - Take Four

Three engineering students were gathered together discussing the possible designers of the human body.

One said, 'It was a mechanical engineer. Just look at all the joints.'

Another said, 'No, it was an electrical engineer. The nervous system has many thousands of electrical connections.'

The last one said, 'No, actually it had to have been a civil engineer. Who else would run a toxic waste pipeline through a recreational area?'

INVITATIONS TO OTHER CLUB'S EVENTS

We have received invitations from a number of other clubs. Please see list below and information on how to visit.

Frimley and Ascot Locomotive club.

Open weekend Friday 14th and Saturday 15th August 2009. BBQ on the Saturday.

Contact R L Dowman 01252 835042

Maidstone Model Engineering Society

80th Anniversary Saturday 8th August. Invited Societies only (we are one)

Contact Martin Parham 01622 630298

Llanelli & District Model Engineers

Southern Federation Spring Rally Saturday 16th May

Contact G Golightly 01554 820745

Cardiff Model Engineering Society

19th Welsh National Locomotive Rally 6th and 7th June

Contact D. Norman 01656 784530

Harrow and Wembley Society of Model Engineers

Open days June 13 -14th and August 29th - 31st

Contact B Tilbury 020 8248 0442

Cambridge Model Engineering Society

50th Anniversary Rally 20 - 21st June

Contact A Clarke 01223 880639 (after 7 pm)

Vale of Aylesbury Model Engineering Society

Miniature Railway Gala 3 -4th May

Contact A Ralpey 01296 420750 (a copy of invitation letter is required to gain access obtainable form NLSME Secretary)

Members intending to visit any of the above should make contact directly with the clubs to confirm their attendance or find out any further information they may require in order to attend.



Young Street Yard level crossing and canal bridge as exhibited at John Keble Church Hall 18th April 2009. **Photo:** Owen Chapman

27TH JUNE

You are all invited to Mike's 70th birthday party.

At the North London SME track site, Colney Heath.

On Saturday 27th June from 11.30am to 3.30pm.

No gifts please just bring something to eat or drink. Our son-in-law will be cooking on the BBQ. A jazz band will be playing from 12noon to 3pm.

RSVP to Jean Chrisp on 07771 697140

I need to know numbers and details of food and drink by 30th May please!

We would be very grateful for help to set up on Friday 26th and stewards on the Saturday. If you can manage any time please contact Jim MacDonald 01727 831408

Track Stewards Rota 2009				
Date	Senior Steward	Track Steward	Track Steward	Track Steward
03-May	Brian Apthorpe	David Jones	Robert Johns	Peter Brown
10-May	Ron Price	Maurice Cummins	Graham Price	Jack Edwards
17-May	Graham Ainge	Peter Foreman	John Johnston	Nicholas Bone
24-May	Keith Hughs	Reg Piper	Mark Braley	Alan Marshall
31-May	Richard Castle	Peter Prior	John Sandwell	Michael Dear
07-Jun	Roy Hall	Roger Brown	Derek Eldridge	John Bainbridge
14-Jun	Nigel Griffiths	Victor Burgess	Phillip Rowe	Keith Bartrop
21-Jun	Jim Robson	Derek Smith	John Riches	Peter Fraser
28-Jun	Peter Funk	Edward Kitchener	John L Morgan	Naughton Morgan
05-Jul	Mike Avery	Geoffrey Burton	Johnathan Avery	Nick Rudoe
12-Jul	Roy Chapman	Mike Hodgson	Peter Badger	Anthony Mason
19-Jul	Ian Clift	Peter Lancaster	John West	Bob Gamble
26-Jul	Owen Chapman	Keith Bartlam	Gerald Moore	Frank Adams
02-Aug	Mike Chrisp	Ian Reddish	Alex Chapman	David Foster
09-Aug	Mike Ruffell	Brian Baker	Peter MacDonald	Brian Kennedy
16-Aug	Graham Gardner	Peter Precious	Mike Franklin	David Broom
23-Aug	Donal Corcoran	Lawrence Steers	Richard Deal	R Thompson
30-Aug	Tony Dunbar	Colin Thompson	Dave Chisnall	Malcolm Barnes
06-Sep	Brendan Corcoran	Peter Davies	Michael Gibbs	Peter Badcock
13-Sep	Jim MacDonald	Chris Reynolds	David Marsden	Peter Brewster
20-Sep	Mike Foreman	Dave Green	John Firth	Martin Ginger
27-Sep	Kieran Corcoran	Roger Bell	Paul Lacey	Barrie Davies
04-Oct	Dick Payne	Gavin Lang	John Mills	Richard Hesketh
11-Oct	Chris Vousden	Graeham Brown	Ron Todd	Malcolm Read
18-Oct	David Harris	Peter Fox	Tony Guerrier	Harry Henderson
25-Oct	Terry Baxter	Peter Weeks	Ian Buswell	Roger Clarke

TYTTENHANGER SITE COMMITTEE MEETING 20TH APR 2009

Work the ground level railway was finished on 9 April, just finishing off with weed killer. There are no signals operating and new users were recommended to walk the route first. Extreme caution and a slow speed was advised until we have confirmation that the track is perfectly aligned. An extra steward may be placed at the narrows. A temporary path to the pond

<i>Key = Bold Type:- 2nd stewards Duty.</i>				
Date	Track Steward	Track Steward	Tea Steward	Tea Steward
03-May	Derek Perham	Mark James	Mrs Apthorpe	William Mason
10-May	Adrian Newson	Steve Jones	Rai Fenton	Mrs Betty Fenton
17-May	Frank Hills	Ashton Miles	Ron Thorogood	Mrs Thorogood
24-May	Patrick O'Donnell		Mrs Marshall	
31-May	Robert James		Nicholas Gear	Robert Hatton
07-Jun	Michael Smith		Mervyn Smith	
14-Jun	Derrick Franklin	Paul Godwin	Frank Inman	Mrs Griffiths
21-Jun	Richard Cross	Paul Godin	Nicholas Griffin	
28-Jun	Geoffrey Mogg	Dave Rose	John Morgan (M)	Mrs J Morgan
05-Jul	Dave Snellgrove	David West	David Lapham	George Case
12-Jul	John Beesley		Mrs Badger	
19-Jul	Gregory Metcalf		Mrs Clift	
26-Jul	Jeffrey Bolton		Rachel Chapman	David Metcalf
02-Aug	Rob Brook	Michael Woolsey	Chris Dean	
09-Aug	Norman Back		Ian Johnston	Val Johnston
16-Aug	Rai Fenton		Raymond Gillings	
23-Aug	David Burman	Dave Rose	David Morgan	Dave Laurance
30-Aug	Bryn Morgan		Peter Gooch	
06-Sep	Ron Peirce		Mrs P Corcoran	
13-Sep	Michael Smith	Peter Sheen	Mrs MacDonald	
20-Sep	Adam Gorski	Keith Hughs		
27-Sep	Peter Stern		Rai Fenton	Mrs Betty Fenton
04-Oct	Paul Bexfield	Guy Ellerby	Mrs Smith	
11-Oct	Tim Clementson		Richard Hall	
18-Oct	L Brooks		Mathew Stallard	Mrs Harris
25-Oct	David Dunlop	Tim Watson	Mrs Baxter	Jenny Baxter

is to be laid. An ex London Underground sign has been given to the Society from a local man which warns of the danger of stepping on the rails.

As a result of reading the document 'Safety Officer's Report to the Southern Federation AGM 2009' a discussion took place concerning site safety and public access. It has been arranged for members of the TSC to carry out a Safety / Risk Assessment, the following Thursday 23 April, to cover the area between the site entrance and the fence between the picnic area and ground level railway.

G.L.R. News

On Thursday 9th April at 14.00 hours the final connection to the cuckoo line loop was made - hurrah!! At 14.05 hours with the welds to the joints still warm, Laurie Steers drove his engine plus the motley crew around the now complete GL track and a smooth & faultless run was made on what is hoped to become the 7 ¼ passenger route. The grins on their faces were as big as the bottom loop and so they should be as another milestone is completed with the next one already started (Plan B Station) well done lads, I luv yer.

Congratulations are also in order for Alan Marshall, he has got his first green up, anxious times ahead as he was reportedly seen shortly before the event pacing up and down Henley Halt taking deep breaths. I hope it will be a multiple birth in the months to come and if you want help with the names, I'm sure the crew will oblige.

The bridge awaits its final coat of paint. It is hoped that when time allows smoke deflectors will be made and fitted (any tin bashers looking for a project?). Most of the material is in my lock up waiting to be lovingly fettled to the desired shape, if you are interested please contact me.

Birthday boy Brian Baker soixant neuf (that rings a bell) is getting all orny these days, must be his age (ornithological that is) as he pointed out to me a pair of tree creepers chasing round the trunk of a large tree opposite the coach, a first for me at this location and lovely to watch whilst having lunch al fresco.

Many thanks also to John Mills who quietly beavers away and doesn't complain about his lot having wired up the coach shed, charging unit & also finishing off some shiplap to the shed. I only realised it was his work by looking at his trademark paintwork on the conduit, once again thanks this week's man of the match.

With not long to running season the GL track looks in good condition, a final inspection, clean up and adjustments will take place. The trackside weeds have been sprayed and should start to wilt soon, maybe this will be the year I start to build my large Moors Valley loco, maybe just maybe?
As ever in the muck

P. Funk

G.L.R. Section Leader

📖 Dates for your Diary 📖

Friday 1 May	8.00pm General Meeting; What lies ahead? An opportunity to discuss the future of our Society ; HQ, Legion Way, Nth Finchley
Saturday 9 May	OO section exhibiting at South West Herts. Model Railway Show at Bushey
Sunday 10 May	Toy Boat Regatta
Monday 11 May	8.00pm Council Meeting; HQ, Legion Way, North Finchley
Friday 15 May	8.00pm Loco Section meeting; Work in progress ; HQ, Legion Way, North Finchley
Monday 18 May	8.00pm Tyttenhanger Site Committee meeting; St Mark's Church Centre, Colney Heath
Friday 22 May	8.00pm AGM; HQ, Legion Way, North Finchley
Saturday 23 May	Colney Heath visit (St Albans Womens Group)
Mon 25 May	<i>Deadline for copy to Editor for June News Sheet</i>
Friday 5 June	8.00pm General Meeting; Lock, Stock & Barrell. Ray Tuthill's talk about the Royal Small Arms Factory (1816-1987) in Enfield; HQ, Legion Way, Nth Finchley
Saturday 6 June	Birthday Party (Smith)
Saturday 13 June	Invited club day, see D Harris & M Chrisp
Monday 15 June	8.00pm Council Meeting; HQ, Legion Way, North Finchley
Friday 19 June	Loco Section BBQ at the track
Saturday 20 June	South African Live Steamers Meeting at Colney Heath
Sunday 21 June	South African Live Steamers Meeting at Colney Heath
Monday 22 June	Tyttenhanger Site Committee meeting; St Mark's Church Centre, Colney Heath
Mon 22 June	<i>Deadline for copy to Editor for July News Sheet</i>
Saturday 27 June	Mike Chrisp 70th Birthday Party
Friday 3 July	8:00pm General Meeting Working Models. Bring something to run on air. ; HQ, Legion Way, Nth Finchley
Saturday 4 July	HO section at the track.



Every Wednesday	Garden Railway Section at Colney Heath (11am - 4pm); OO and HO Model Railway Groups and Video Group at HQ (evening)
Every Thursday	Slot Cars Section at HQ (evening)
Every Sunday	Morning working parties at Colney Heath (start 9.00am).

NB: Please remember to notify all meetings, events & exhibitions, in advance, to Owen and Rachael Chapman, who act as Keepers of the Society Calendar and Tyttenhanger Site Events Co-ordinators.



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