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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I am going to try and be brief this month. As usual I have been trying to run most Wednesdays, some loco problems with my LB&SCR Atlantic that has decided to play up, however as usual the GWR City has not let me down. The weather has been really nice, mild and sunny. The G1 track now with lush new grass growing in the new plantings is a very pleasant place to be. Most Wednesdays we are getting on towards 20 members running, plus of course those now choosing to run on Tuesdays & Thursdays.

Work is well underway laying the new roof tiles going onto the container roof. Shame that we are having to put in steels to support the weight over the gaps but that is the cost of using slightly heavier tiles. It will look really good when finished.

This brings me again to the subject of storage of loco's in the containers. As I have said before all active members can certainly store one, possibly two loco's in the designated containers. Non-working/used loco's and stock must I'm afraid must be removed from the storage area and site in general as soon as possible.

This also must apply to the various other static engines and other pieces of equipment left lying about the place. There are also several non-working loco's in the workshop engine safe and ride on coaches in the truck shed that have been in situ too long. Please arrange for them to be moved immediately, if not you are going to be receiving a letter from the council explaining the course of action we will take to dispose of all such items.

The new Health & Safety book is progressing and you will be all kept up to date with developments.

Many thanks must go to Nigel Griffiths for all the work he is doing getting the site ready for our first Sunday open day of the year on the 4th May. As in previous years the G1 will be manning the coach and doing the catering for all 12 open days and the jubilee celebrations on the 26/27th July. This looks as though it is going to be a great weekend with many clubs invited and many large (and small) scale loco's in attendance.

We are still looking for someone to take on the running of the birthday parties at Colney Heath. Again a volunteer, or two, would be most welcome to this rewarding job.

I will look forward to seeing you all at the AGM on the 2nd May 2014.

Until next month, happy modelling.

David Metcalf

TREASURER'S REPORT

You will all have received your April News Sheet with the yellow membership renewal form. If you aren't one of the 70 odd members, who have already paid please complete the form and return it with your subscription as soon as possible. Thank you.

Enclosed with this News Sheet is a copy of the Society's Annual Accounts to the 31st March 2014 and in particular I commend you to study the last section after the Balance Sheet, which lists out all the various project funds, showing where the money was sourced from and how much has been spent over the past year. Thanks to all those who have added a little more onto their subscriptions by way of a donation to either General Funds or to a specific Project. Every little bit helps.

If you are unable to attend the AGM and you have any questions or queries regarding the accounts, please contact me and I will try and provide you with an answer. If you are intending to be at the AGM please be advised that additional copies will not be available at the meeting, so bring your copy with you.

Any members intending to visit other Society's events are recommended to have a copy of the Society Public Liability Certificate, which is available to all paid up members. Contact me for a copy.

Mike Foreman

Front cover: King Edward II and Tornado at Didcot .
Photo: O Chapman

Notice of the Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the North London Society of Model Engineers will be held at its Headquarters Summerfield Road, Legion Way, North Finchley on 2nd May commencing at 8.00 pm.

For the Workshop Wall - Success

*Far better it is to succeed building a large, complex technical project,
Even though chequered with problems and difficulties,
Than to take rank with those poor spirits who neither do much or suffer much,
Because they live in the grey twilight, that knows neither success nor failure.*

*Roger Bell
April 2014.*

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

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

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

Arrive early and relax before this important meeting.

Forthcoming General Meetings 2014

Unless otherwise indicated General Meetings are held at 8-10pm at our Legion Way Headquarters in North Finchley. All members are welcome and we are always happy to see friends and family attending. We hope for a good attendance to support our speakers. Please remember that many of the meetings depend on the Club to provide the catalyst for a stupendous evening. For information email the webmaster

2nd May 2014

The Annual General Meeting

This is a most important meeting where we summarize what great progress the Club has achieved in the past year. Where we plan for the future of the Club and where we elect members to take up various offices to run the Society for the forthcoming year. **Members Only**

Friday June 6th First Aid at Colney Heath and the World. **Seven pm start.** Now that the evenings are getting longer, this is an opportunity to have a much needed talk about First Aid, including the new AED machine. All members and interested parties are very welcome. Members from the HQ that don't often venture into the countryside will have an interesting and useful time listening to information and advice on First Aid relevant to our hobby. (They will also have the opportunity to inspect the site) Verity Maclachlan will lead us through the mysteries of resuscitation. Remember the compelling talk and demonstration Verity gave at Headquarters last year?

Friday July 4th Visit to St Albans signal box. A treat for those who have been before and even more for those who are to be initiated. Route and timing from our own Jim Mac Donald.

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

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

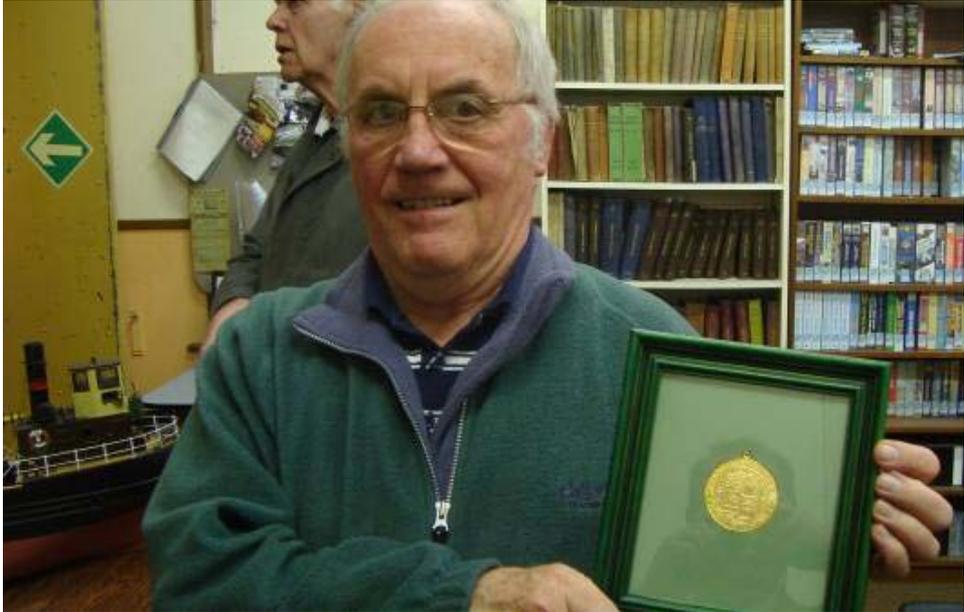
April General Meeting The Marine Section Entertains By OMAH Mk II

Ian Johnston opened the meeting and welcomed members to Head Quarters.

A large group of potential Marine Section members had gathered at Headquarters to sit at the feet of Marine Guru Peter Stern to hear his words of wisdom regarding marine matters. David Lawrence was to act as anchor man, to prepare the usual excellent cups of Darjeeling tea to be consumed with a biscuit at break time and to keep order with the threat of thirty lashes or keelhauling for punishment. Peter Davis managed the sale of raffle tickets with the usual aplomb.

Serendipity seemed to play a large part in Peter's marine affairs. When he moved into Barnet many years ago he decided that his new house needed rewiring and so contacted a firm of electricians called **Green and Son**. Little did he know that that contact would change his life! Both the Greens saw Peter's unfinished model of a Fairmile D WWII MTB/MGB; admired it and invited Peter to become a member of the NLSME. That was in the days of Church Farm and with the track at Arkley. Soon Peter became acquainted with Cyril Drayson (god bless his soul) who almost lived in the Cranbourne Road car breakers yard, from which Cyril supplied Peter with many 12 volt windscreen washer motors--- some of which actually worked, to power his Fairmile D.





Above Dave Lawerance with the Model Engineer Gold Medal
Left Peter Stern with his certificate of Merit
Photos Ian Johnston

Soon followed an invitation to exhibit his model at the Model Engineer Exhibition and low and behold he was awarded a gold Medal and another for something to do with power that your scribe could not understand.

In those days the Club did not have its own pool so the marine section moved from pool to pool around North London.

Broomfield Park pool, Friary Park Pool and Bush Hill Park followed one another until a large surface pool with inflated sides appeared at Colney Heath. That worked well until it was time to empty it. One brave soul depressed one side of the pool to let the water out with the same effect the bouncing bomb had on those German dams in WWII. Peter just saw a wall of water approaching him carrying everything before it.

It was then decided that the Club needed something more permanent so the large pool that exists today was built; or dug is perhaps the correct term. Here Margo sprung to their assistance by using her JCB skills to excavate the pool and to take unruly roots out. Soon the lining was put in place and as they say the rest is history. That history is that there are many activities on and around the pool. There are toy boat regattas there each year and the chaps from the Garden Railway section invade the pool each Wednesday as well as members

of the Marine Section and many others sailing at random times. There is also a preoccupation in methods to remove leaves from the bottom of the pool. From initially stopping them from falling in to dredging them out with a Brunel type horse drawn dredger. The most successful method now seems to be to net them with a weighted trawl and then simply lift them out.

A delicious cup of tea was then consumed with a chocolate biccy and the raffle drawn. (prizes were with a marine bent).

After the tea break Oerlikon Mk9 and a seven pounder were described and the adventures Peter had when members of the public got hold of them.

Dave Chisnal's immaculate 'Clyde Puffer' was seen and admired; he had built it up after it had been abandoned by a member and we think, A Barnes who was a consultant at Barnet General.

All to soon it was time to thank Peter and David, and for the merry marine band to steam at full speed ahead for the nearest harbour; probably a public house to conclude a jolly good evening.



Above Dave Chisnal's 'Clyde Puffer' Photo: Ian Johnston

MENCAP DAY, SATURDAY June 28th 2014

Ladies, Gentlemen & Funky!

This year our annual invitation to The St. Albans Mencap Group has been arranged for the afternoon of **Saturday 28th June 2014.**

This is normally a wonderful day out hosted by the Society for many of those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Volunteers for DRIVERS, GUARDS and STEWARDS are going to be required for this day, a day that brings so much pleasure to all these visitors, both the patients and their carers.

It is planned for the event, weather permitting, to run from 14:00 to 17:00 on that date.

The visitors normally arrange all their own catering and use our coach for the making of drinks etc.

Actual numbers of visitors are not yet known but this event is normally very well attended. I understand that they tend to arrive and leave as and when they wish so there will possibly be a steady turnover of visitors all afternoon.

If you are available and would like to be involved please email the webmaster.

I do have a few names on my list already but as usual the more the merrier as many of the visitors will need a lot of help getting on and off of the trains.

If you need to talk to me about this event, please call email the webmaster

Thanking you all in advance, Mr. Grumpy

UPDATED STEWARDS ROTA PLEASE CHECK CAREFULLY FOR YOUR NAME

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

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

Please email the webmaster

Thanks, Sue Rose

4 May 2014

Keith Bartlam - Senior Steward

Peter Badger.
Graham Gardener
Jeffrey Bolton.
Peter Brown.
Derek Eldridge
David Jones.
Dave Rose
John West.
TBA
TBA

18 May 2014

Ian Johnston- Senior Steward

Gerald Ackroyd
Paul Bexfield
Roger Brown
Jack Edwards.
Harold Newman
Steve Jones.
Dave Lapham
Graham Price.
Rosemary Turner
Philip Woodward

1 June 2014

Chris Vousden - Senior Steward

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

15 June 2014

Nigel Griffiths. - Senior Steward

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

6 July 2014

Paul Godwin - Senior Steward

Robert Ambler
Roger Bell
Peter Brewster
Owen Chapman

20 July 2014

Edward Kitchener - Senior Steward

Jonathan Avery
Mick Avery
Bill Bass
Martin Cooper

6 July 2014 continued

Nicholas Griffin
Roy Hall
Brian Jacobs
Ian MacCabe
Peter MacDonald.
Peter Smith

3 August 2014

Keith Hughes - Senior Steward

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

7 September 2014

Richard Payne - Senior Steward

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

5 October 2014

TO BE ADVISED

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

20 July 2014 continued

Nicholas Gear.
Brian Lees.
Jeremy Lewis
Peter Seymour-Howell
Mervyn Smith
Eric Skillman

17 August 2014

Mike Foreman - Senior Steward

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

21 September 2014

Mike Ruffell - Senior Steward

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

19 October 2014

TO BE ADVISED

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

leave it to them. A Big Thanks to everybody who came, and didn't go to sleep!

Before I forget I'd better thank Ron Price for causing me to spend money at Ally Pally, in helping decide what milling machine I should purchase. Since owning it I have opened a whole new vast vocabulary such as T-nuts, slot drills and end mills. Is there no limit to this?

I was able to use my new acquisition (see above) on a new project. Going back to my roots I have started to produce miniature naval ordnance in 1/15th scale. Over the winter I decided to fabricate a 40mm, single shot, Rolls-Royce gun. The accompanying pictures show the sub assemblies so far. I will elucidate (I like that word) more when it, or me, is finished.

The major event of May for us is the first Toy Boat Regatta on Sunday 11th. Hope to see you there.

Peter Stern



Above and Left 1/15th scale, 40mm, single shot Rolls Royce gun.
Photo: Peter Stern

GLR News

Hi crew and fellow enthusiasts, are you ready for the off! I am and by the time you read this we will have knocked the rust off the now joined up New Land development rail. The onsite workers have been very busy finishing off those last minute jobs and a great site clean up has begun. If there was a prize for squirreled away capacious amounts of JUNK we have won it hands down. Bang to rights, on the nose, it beggars belief how much there is. All of it so very useful even if we never use it. A large pile of this junk is accumulating by the raise track steaming bay. If any of it is yours you have until open season May 3rd to take it home or lose it forever as it will be disposed of. I would like to thank the crew for finishing off the electrical work and for making a start on organising container storage. The priority being club loco and passenger carriages followed by member's locos and carriages used for public hauling.

I know of five locos that are being built and two being purchased by members of the Tyttenhanger committee or GL crew. If they had used their time building their own locos and passenger cars instead of building our wonderful railway where would we put them now? With that in mind I will turn my attention to the G.L.R. allotted storage, hence the reorganisation of the cluttered containers and spaces in-between. Again I am thankful to members of the crew for the essential works being completed on and in the containers as this allows for the next job in line to be undertaken. Six box section joists have been welded across the openings to hold the extra weight of the roof tiles. I asked the steel firms governor to do the calculations on the steels and the rest is now history. The small but beautifully formed crew also helped me dig the footings and mix concrete. This now allows us to put the block work up in number two space and if he still wants to we eagerly await Phillip Woodward to start laying blocks. This end wall also forms part of the steaming bay project and as I understand it will have an opening/door built in so as to allow storage for five inch rolling stock on a mezzanine floor part way over the seven and a quarter storage. An interesting project for the right person if you are interested and want to help do come along on Saturday, Sunday or Thursdays you will be very welcome. I will probably get involved in this job myself by default as I wish to store my loco and carriages in this space and would be more than willing to help anyone interested.

Who said no one reads the newsletter. In last month's G.L.R. news I made a plea asking for a scaffold tower to help with putting the tiles on the container roof. Low and behold we had the offer to purchase one from a member's mum. The club now has another asset to be used for all those out of reach jobs safely. As you can see the worker/watcher ratio is about right for the perfect job. Young Mr Kitchener (I call him young because he is the only one who can climb on the roof and work crouching on his haunches) is re gauging the tile

battens as someone fixed them wrong in the first place. To avoid any rows I don't mind taking the blame for this as my shoulders are broad and it's the least I can do.

Now that we have the scaffold, work continues at a breakneck speed. I don't know how we do it for the money.

Time to get back down the workshop. I think I may have just have time to hack out another piece of tinkerbell before hwmba calls me up for tea.

As ever in the muck

P Funk
G.L.R. Section Leader.





Above Tornado crossing Digswell Viaduct. 12th April 2014
Below at Didcot Railway Centre, King Edward II, Sir Nigel Gresley and Tornado
for the "Once in a Blue Moon" gala weekend. 6th April 2014
Photo Owen Chapman





Above King Edward II on the demonstration line and 6106 on the turntable.
6th April 2014
Below King Edward II moving off. 6th April 2014
Photo Owen Chapman



Photo of 2013/14 Council



Left to Right. Dave Metcalfe, Ian Johnston, Geoff Howard, Mike Foreman, Malcolm Barnes, Alan Marshall, Peter Brown. Tony Dunbar and Nick Rudoie were absent when the photo was taken.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 2 May	8.00pm General Meeting; Annual General Meeting, HQ; Legion Way, Nth Finchley
Sunday 4 May	2.00pm first Sunday Public running
Tuesday 6 May	8.00pm Council Meeting; HQ, Legion Way, North Finchley
Sunday 11 May	9.00am First Toy Boat Regatta, Colney Heath pond.
Sunday 18 May	2.00pm Sunday Public running
Tuesday 20 May	8.00pm TSC meeting; St Mark's Church Centre, Colney Heath
Friday 23 May	Deadline for copy to Editor for June News Sheet
Sunday 1 June	2.00pm Sunday Public running
Tuesday 3 June	8.00pm Council Meeting; HQ, Legion Way, North Finchley
Friday 6 June	8.00pm General Meeting; First Aid at Colney Heath, HQ; Legion Way, Nth Finchley
Sunday 15 June	2.00pm Sunday Public running
Tuesday 17 June	8.00pm TSC meeting; St Mark's Church Centre, Colney Heath
Friday 20 June	Deadline for copy to Editor for July News Sheet
Tuesday 1 July	8.00pm Council Meeting; HQ, Legion Way, North Finchley
Friday 4 July	8.00pm General Meeting; Visit to St Albans signal box. Contact Jim McDonald
Saturday 5 July	North American section at the track. Midday meeting at the Plough, Tyttenhanger for lunch, then 2.00pm at the track.

Every Wednesday	Garden Railway Section at Colney Heath (11am - 4pm); O, OO and HO Model Railway Groups and Video Group at HQ (evening)
Every Thursday	GLR working parties at Colney Heath (all day); Slot Cars Section at HQ (evening)
Every Saturday	Working parties on GLR including junior section (all day)
Every Sunday	Morning working parties at Colney Heath (start 9.00am).

NB. Please notify Mike Chrisp of all meetings and other Society events for inclusion in the Society Calendar. Approval for special events still rests with Council and/or the Tyttenhanger Site Committee.

