

NORWICH & DISTRICT SOCIETY OF MODEL ENGINEERS

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E-BULLETIN

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In this bumper edition:

Santa special report

From the Board

Frank Coles

New Raised Track Group

& much more

DECEMBER BOARD MEETING – SUMMARY

Present: R. Montgomery, M. Rhodes, P King, B Fane, D Beeken, A. Shirley P Moore, and Company Secretary & Treasurer, Jim McDonell

Money and receipts in contention regarding 2 members, is to be deferred to a later date after all communication about other club property is exhausted.

The treasurer reported that the bank account was now functional and that the society had a healthy bank balance.

Articles of Association have been distributed to directors. Changes were recommended to some areas to state that the club and members are to work to the by-laws in force. A new by-law will be added ASAP regarding creation of junior membership category. The Secretary to undertake these changes and seek final approval.

A quote is being sought for a pin-pad lock for the clubhouse. No change was to be made to existing security lock scheme.

Insurance being investigated regarding club house as it was felt that the existing situation may not be the most suitable.

The *eBulletin* will continue to be produced monthly and will be emailed to members by the membership secretary. Bi-monthly printed copies of the bulletin will be distributed by PM, either at monthly meetings or by post.

Next year's advertised public dates were discussed and will be distributed in the New Year. It was decided to support the Lord Mayors Fund with a dedicated day.

The website top-level domain name will be changed when existing contract expires from .co.uk to .org.uk, to reflect the society's non-commercial purposes.

Santa Specials were discussed by e-mail and phone, regarding purchasing of more equipment for next year. This was deferred and we would wait to see final result from this year and what was likely to happen in 2017

Next meeting Tuesday 4th January at 7-00pm at Eaton Park



BOILER TESTING

A service for members – by arrangement.

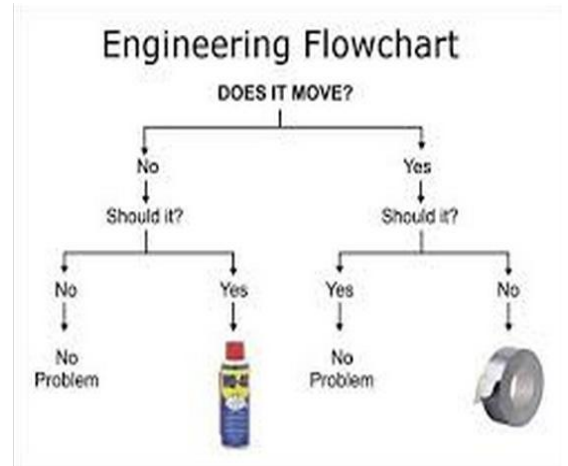
Contact the Chairman.

COMEDY CORNER

Two engineering students were walking across a university campus when one said, "Where did you get such a great bike?"

The second engineer replied, "Well, I was walking along yesterday, minding my own business, when a beautiful woman rode up on this bike, threw it to the ground, took off all her clothes and said, "Take what you want."

The first engineer nodded approvingly and said, "Good choice; the clothes probably wouldn't have fit you anyway."



Spotted on Youtube

Stirling Engines – The Power of the Future? By Lindybeige

Copy/paste this link to your address bar

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vGIDsFAOWXc>

FRANCIS COLES

1920-2016

The funeral of Frank Coles, who passed away aged 96 on the 13th of November, took place on the 1st of December at St Faiths, Norwich. Neville and Ann Gower attended the funeral and report,

"Ann and I attended the Funeral Service yesterday of Frank Cole, a long standing member of the NDSME. We were the only two in attendance from our Society. He will be remembered most for the building of small models to a very high standard, and for producing a table at all the monthly meeting's of tooling, drills and much more for the model engineers to purchase for their workshops at sensible prices. Frank leaves no family only a niece by marriage."

Frank Coles served as a Director up until 1994 when he retired from the Board.

What are these? Find out below...



A 5" RAISED TRACK GROUP

Following a suggestion by David Beeken, starting in May 2017 is a Raised Track Saturday Group for members with 5" and 3.5" locos, who would like to come along and test their machines without passenger trains present. This is a new venture and we hope you will support him here.

Allan Shirley has offered to co-ordinate this. More details nearer the time.

Santa Specials at the ndsme railway at Eaton Park

NDSME ran its first ever Santa Specials at the railway in December. These were suggested, and adopted, at the EGM in early October as an experimental measure primarily undertaken as a part of the rebuilding process within the society after recent controversial events, but also to test the water and to see if this was logistically possible for a relatively small society to put on this scale of function. Starting some ten weeks later than other similar events, a lot of rapid organising was undertaken by Brian Baker and his team, necessary items were purchased or borrowed and an intensive advertising campaign launched in both conventional and social media.

It all fell together in the nick of time and as a result of both good planning and great enthusiasm from many society members, it all went right on the day. Over 800 visitors attended over the two Sundays, a magnificent achievement in just over eight weeks from inception. A visiting loco came from Peterborough on both days and Neville Gower's sturdy *Holmside* was in attendance both days too. Pete King also put in a steam appearance. We were incredibly lucky as both days were dry and sunny. The cold temperatures enable some pretty spectacular steam effects that are not normally visible on warmer summer days (see pic). The committee would like to thank all who came along to help, including Pete King, Brian Parker, Barry Fane, Roger Montgomery and Mrs Montgomery, Mike Fordham, Mrs Fordham and son, Chris Shingles, Philip and Mrs Moore, Mr Horrex, Brian Sayer, Allan Shirley, Brian and Mrs Baker, Mr Cook, John Ward and Linda, Stuart Curzon, Clint Ballard, David and Mrs Beeken, Ivan and Mrs Watts, Bill Rout, Mike, his mother and Charlie Riches, Richard Crook, Neville and Mrs Gower, Richard Wells, Barry Steel and new member James.

An assessment of the exercise will be held and we will decide if, when and how we may repeat this

Some comments on our Santa Specials...

Tanya Davies *Really enjoyed it. Hope you are back again next year!*

Ryan Slatford *Totally awesome. Amazing value, great time had by all 6 of us that went. The amount of work that everyone must of put in is incredible. Absolutely fantastic.*

Agne Ra *Thank you for such a wonderful event!!! Kids were ever so happy as they love trains and Santa was there. You all did an amazing job....And what kind of mulled wine were you serving as it was very nice?*

Kay Newell *Lovely morning thank you*

Debbie Twite *Loved it so well organised my little boy Charlie had a fun time*

Katie Scott *We had a brilliant time! Thank you so much!*

Pat Howe *Just to let you know we went on the Santa Special last Sunday, my great grandchildren had a really great time. Please send my thanks to all the 'crew' for a lovely event.*

Stephanie Brighton *It was fabulous and just enough for my little one who was saying "choo choo" the whole way around. Thank you x*

Rosy Rose *We loved it, and it was lovely to see everyone so friendly and smiley. Perhaps bigger tent for chairs where the tea and mulled wine is - only enough seating for two families and I couldn't eat my mince pie!*





Top – the National Elf Service.

Below – the signal box crew (in a heated signal box!)



This page – the laydeez



This page – The *Elfmeister*, an incognito Santa and various elfs.



Top – Mike Riches and train

Below –“Take those funny ears off, Brian.” “What’cha mean? I’m not wearing any funny ears!”



Top – “Are we lost?”

Below – Spectacular steam effects in the sunny winter cold. This is the visiting *Romulus*.



The two elves are ours. Don't know about all the other Santas though!

HSG216 and the NDSME

At the recent EGM, the Society adopted HSG216 as the theoretical basis for all operations involving carrying non-members on the two railways at the park. If you are involved in any way with public operations, you should familiarise yourself with this document. It is currently available online at

<http://www.vulcan.works/media/hsg216.pdf>

and is also available on the Southern Federation website. Please take the time to read through this important document. Our railways have an excellent public safety record – let's keep it that way.

ACCIDENTS DON'T JUST HAPPEN. THEY ARE CAUSED!

ADVANCE NOTICE

The *Maxitrak Owners Club* will be visiting Eaton Park on Saturday 10 June 2017. Put this date in your diary now and come along and give them a welcome. Dave Beeken is going to invite other societies to bring locos also.



A coach has been organised by the society for members who would like to travel to this exhibition on at Alexandra Palace on 21st Jan 2017. The fare (coach only) is £21. Members will obtain their own admission tickets either online in advance or on the day. Coach departs Eaton Park at 07:30

There are approx 10 coach seats left – don't delay if you wish to attend this exhibition – contact Roger Montgomery on 01603 403395 to book a seat.

Admission tickets are available in advance for this event until 12th January 2017. After the 12th January 2017 tickets will only be available from the ticket office on the day of your visit to the exhibition at full price.

You can order the tickets online using the website <http://www.londonmodelengineering.co.uk/tickets.php> or you can telephone your order on 01926 614101.

TICKET	ONLINE TICKETS	FULL PRICE TICKETS
Adult	£10.50	£12.00
Senior Citizen/Student	£9.50	£11.00
Child (5-14 years)	£3.00	£4.00

All online advance ticket sales will close on 12th January 2017. Full price tickets available on the day only.

All tickets will be posted by 13th January 2017 at the latest.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- 01 Jan 17 New Years Day. Steam and diesel day at the track
- 11 Jan 17 *Auction.* Angel Rd Infants
- 21 Jan 17 Coach to London Exhibition, d.0730 from EP
- 08 Feb 17 *Bits and Pieces.* Angel Road Infants

If you have any suggestions for future meetings, let us know. Remember there is still a vacancy for Meetings Organiser too! Please email the chairman if you'd like to help.



Advance notice!

ndsme.co.uk will soon be changing to ndsme.org.uk

Keep an  out for the change.

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NDSME directors (committee) and officers as at Dec 2016

President	Neville Gower	Company Sec.	Jim McDonell
Chairman	Barry Fane	Membership Sec.	Allan Shirley
Treasurer	Jim McDonell	Publicity	Mark Rhodes

Other directors: Peter King (Rolling stock), Dave Beeken, Mike Riches (from Jan 2017), Roger Montgomery (5" stock) and Philip Moore (Estates).

Bulletin distribution, *digital* – Allan Shirley, *hard copy* – Philip Moore

There are currently four vacancies for board members. There are also a number of other roles, such as meetings organiser, that need filling. Contact Barry Fane if you can help. The email is chairman@ndsme.co.uk

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A message from the Membership Secretary Allan Shirley

Hello NDSME members,

Following the AGM and EGM this year, the committee has been populated with new faces. This led to me being asked to take on the role of membership secretary. I have no previous experience of this role but I do love spreadsheets! At the moment I don't have a reliable version of the register of the membership. As a result I am aware that a considerable number of members are not up-to-date with what's going on, and we may have incorrect information in some cases. In order to rectify this situation in the future, I'm asking all persons wishing to renew next March to complete a new style form to enable me to update and improve our records. I'm hoping everyone will have an email address because this will help spread news quickly and avoid members being left in the dark. Membership fees are as notified on the website.

Allan

