

NORWICH & DISTRICT SOCIETY OF MODEL ENGINEERS

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Incorporated 1967

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A CLOSE INSPECTION



But what's really going on?

See inside for more...

DIRECTORS MEETING 1st FEB – SUMMARY

Present BF, PM, RM, DB, MRi, MRh, PK, AS and Company Secretary JM

It was decided to retain the portable track trailer and to sell the portable track only. There have been two approaches so far.

The distribution of charity donations agreed. The total for the year 2016-2017 = £3,226. It was noted that we should promote our charitable aspects to greater degree.

Samples of Edmondson tickets shown and accepted.

A Visit to Saffron Walden with the society's Warship on 22 July was agreed, subject to members wishing to go and refurbishment of the Warship. It was also agreed to fit volt and amp meters to the Warship.

A possible rule change was discussed and deferred to a later date

A visit to the *Bure Valley Railway* in place of a monthly meeting was agreed and that the club will cover the cost for members and associate members

Insurance matters were discussed, pending renewals. It was reiterated that members items are not covered.

A reconsideration of a claim by a member for a replacement tyre resulted in lengthy discussions. It was decided, by 6 votes to 2, to decline the claim. A further vote proposing a discretionary settlement was lost by 2 votes to 6

The treasurer reported on banking matters and would also liaise with accountants regarding end of tax year matters.

A visit by Cub Scouts for Tuesday 22nd August 2017 was confirmed.

The AGM of the southern fed, to be held on the 11th March in Burton-on-Trent, was discussed. Members would be asked in the bulletin if anyone wishes to represent the club.

It was decided to consider further options regarding outstanding society items and irregular payments.

It was agreed that two people who paid for, but, due to exceptional circumstances, were unable to go on, the London trip will have their money reimbursed.

Santa Specials 2017. The membership will be asked by the Chairman, at the next monthly meeting, if they wish to take part in a similar venture in 2017. PM has said he will head a sub-committee for this event.

The events organiser reported a full slate of meetings for 2017, however he has stated a new organiser will be required for 2018.

It was decided that a trial of an automated membership service for one year will take place.

Lastly, it was agreed to purchase a new battery drill for the sum of around £140



How many Warships make a fleet?

A picture from last September's *Diesel Day* at Saffron Walden MEC. They are planning a 'Warship Day' at their club track at Audley End this year on Saturday 22nd July would like NDSME to join them with our Warship. Norman Adkin from Cambridge is bringing his Warship and they hope to get more Phoenix Warships to attend, as well as some more 5" Maxitrak owners. Their 5"/7¼" ground level track is adjacent to the 10¼" Audley End Railway with part of their tracks running parallel. There is a possibility of a visiting 10¼" Warship running on AER too. Will be a nice day out for NDSMEers too.



BOILER TESTING

A service for members – by arrangement.

Contact the Chairman.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please note that the NDSMEs insurance policy does NOT cover any members' locos or assets stored at Eaton Park. Members should ensure that their own insurances cover this eventuality, should they wish to store any locos, rolling stock or other items at the Society premises.

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE MEMBERS AREA?

ALL MEMBERS OF THE NDSME MAY GAIN ACCESS TO THE PRIVATE MEMBERS AREA OF THE NDSME WEBSITE. TO OBTAIN YOUR LOGIN DETAILS, CONTACT webteam@ndsme.co.uk WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

NDSME VISITS THE LONDON MODEL ENGINEERING EXHIBITION AT ALEXANDRA PALACE.



Saturday 21st January saw the NDSMEs annual visit to the premier model engineering event of the year. 30 intrepid souls braved sub-zero temperatures to board the coach at Eaton Park at 0730 for the journey to Ally Pally. By all accounts a good time was had by all, and devious methods were not required to gain entry (see Jan eBulletin for reference).

COVER PHOTO – John Peterson inspects a loco frame and running gear on a mounting that enabled the viewer to rotate the chassis through 360°.



10¼" is the new 7¼"maybe. It's growing in popularity and accessibility and here's the dear old 4472 gaining admiring glances.

Where there's brass there's money.

Everything you could possibly need in brass!





On the Welwyn Garden City stand, a wide selection of boats. No water though...



Boxes and boxes of... stuff! If you weren't there, you missed out!



On the St Albans MES stand. Is that a Stirling Single?

And lastly, something for the MEs of the future,
a 5" portable track train



COMEDY CORNER



A priest, a doctor, and an engineer were waiting one morning for a particularly slow group of golfers. The engineer fumed, *"What's with those blokes? We must have been waiting for fifteen minutes!"*

The doctor chimed in, *"I don't know, but I've never seen such inept golf!"*

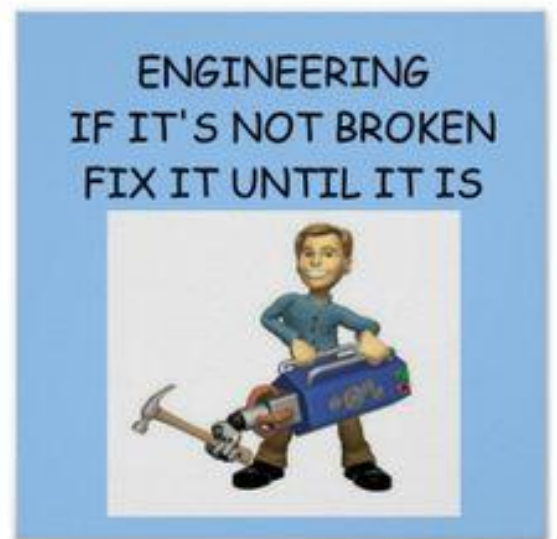
The priest said, *"Here comes the greenkeeper. Let's have a word with him."* He said, *"Hello, George! What's wrong with that group ahead of us? They're rather slow, aren't they?"*

The greenkeeper replied, *"Oh, yes. That's a group of blind firefighters. They lost their sight saving our clubhouse from a fire last year, so we always let them play for free anytime."* The group fell silent for a moment.

The priest said, *"That's so sad. I think I will say a special prayer for them tonight."*

The doctor said, *"I'm going to contact my ophthalmologist colleague and see if there's anything he can do for them."*

The engineer said, *"Why can't they play at night?"*



Spotted on Youtube

Flow drills Useful on thin sections. If hyperlink is inactive, copy/paste this link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Flgg6sey0C8>

Roundup – a peek into other society journals and onlines

From Worthing & District SME newsletter, Dec 2016

THE LAW OF SUPPLY AND DEMAND

Once upon a time in a village far away, a man appeared and announced to the villagers that he would buy monkeys for £10 each. The villagers seeing that there were many monkeys around, went out to the forest, and started catching them. The man bought hundreds at £10, keeping them in a cage he had built in the village, but as supply started to diminish, the villagers stopped their effort. He further announced that he would now buy at £20. This renewed the efforts of the villagers and they started catching monkeys again. Soon the supply diminished even further and people started going back to their farms. The offer increased to £25 each but the supply of monkeys became so little that it was an effort to even see a monkey, let alone catch it! The man now announced that he would buy monkeys at £50. However, since he had to go to the city on some business, his assistant would now buy on his behalf. In the man's absence, the assistant told the villagers. "Look at all these monkeys in the big cage that the man has collected. I will sell them to you at £35 and when the man returns from the city, you can sell them to him for £50 each." The villagers got together with all their savings and bought all the monkeys. Then they never saw the man or his assistant again, only monkeys everywhere!

NOW YOU HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF HOW THE WORLD'S FINANCES ARE CONTROLLED!

HSG216 and the NDSME

At the recent EGM, the Society adopted HSG216 as the guidance 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 or in our members area. Please take the time to read through this important document. Our railways have an excellent public safety record – let's keep it that way.

SAFETY ISN'T A SLOGAN – IT'S A WAY OF LIFE!

MISSING DVDs

Just before Christmas Pete King borrowed the "*British Steam*" book & 2DVD set from Ken Bye and took it home for a look. When he opened it up only the book was there, the two DVD's were missing. Ken had no idea that they were missing so it looks like someone else borrowed them and forgot to put them in the case before returning to Ken. If anyone has seen them, borrowed them or knows where they are, please return them to the clubhouse so that Pete can watch and then put the set back together. His guess is that they are lying on someone's DVD player. Photo below is of book and package so just need the two DVDs.



Forthcoming Events

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| 08 Feb 17 | <i>Bits and Pieces.</i> Angel Road Infants |
| 08 Mar 17 | <i>Railway Signalling</i> , by Stephen Ashling. Angel Road infants |
| 26 Mar 17 | Pre-season steam day, Eaton Park |
| 12 April 17 | <i>Powder Coating for Model Engineers</i> , by Brian Parker. Angel Rd Infants |

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



NDSME and Good Causes

By the time this financial year ends in a few weeks, NDSME will have raised over £3200 for charitable causes since Easter last year. This will be shared with a number of local good causes, or national causes with local impacts. Last year (2015-16) we contributed to, *inter alia*: Colman Road PTA, Clare School, Parkside and Harford Special Schools, East Anglia Childrens Hospice (EACH), Children in Need and the East Anglian Air Ambulance. This year's allocations will be decided soon. A big "well done" to everyone involved.

For Sale For Sale For Sale

Pete Otley has lots of model railway stuff for sale as he runs down his shop. These include, Model Railways - OO Gauge & N.Gauge All Construction materials including Scatter materials, Flock, Static Grass, Grass Mats, Hedge Foliage, Tree Foliage, Back scenes, Super quick Buildings, Figures in all Gauges, Dapol Plastic Kits, Knightwing, N Gauge Plastic kits, Model Plants, Various Vinyl Decals, Trackside Decals, Sankey Signs, Plasticard in White & Black, Brick Paper, Grain of wheat Bulbs, Grain of rice Bulbs, Various colour LEDs, Brick embossed plastic sheets, PD Marsh Figures & Station Accessories, OO Gauge Canal boat Kits, Glues & Adhesives etc.

Building Materials – Piano Wire, Brass Wire, K&S Metal Extrusions (Brass Copper & Aluminium Rod, Tube, Sheet etc)., Plastruct Plastic Extrusions, Balsa wood sheet Strips & Blocks, Mahogany Strip wood, Spruce Strip wood, Obechi Strip wood, Craft Tools, Foam Board

Plus a large range of model Boat & Model Aircraft accessories including Brass propellers, Propshafts etc., and a large range of vinyl Lettering & Decals for all types of models.

Contact Pete on 01692 652960



NOTICEBOARD

Norfolk Railway Society
Founded 1955 www.norfolkrailwaysociety.org.uk

ANNUAL SHOW
Saturday 11th February
2017
12.00 noon – 5.00pm

at IPSWICH RD U.R.CHURCH HALLS
EATON RISE NORWICH NR4 6QR

Members & Visiting Model Layouts
Railway Art & Photographic displays
Raffle proceeds towards
The Southwold Railway

Refreshments

Admission £3.00 (children 25p)
Family ticket £5.00
Come and meet our friendly society
For more details phone 01508 492562
www.norfolkrailwaysociety.org.uk

**DEREHAM MODEL
RAILWAY EXHIBITION**
25th Feb, 1000-1600
The Memorial Hall
Norwich St
Dereham
NR19 1AD
14 Layouts
Trade/Society stands
Refreshments
Adm £5, accompanied children free.
More info tel 01362 697628

RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

Please be sure to use a RENEWAL FORM and not a new membership application form. It does help the membership secretary...



2017 Renewal forms are now available to download from the members area. Please be sure to use the RENEWALS form, not the new membership form.

Be an early bird and aid the membership secretary by getting your form in early.



Advance Notice! *Maxitrak* Day at EP – Saturday June 10th 2017



NDSME directors (committee) and officers as at Feb 2017

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

Other directors: Peter King, Dave Beeken, Roger Montgomery, Mike Riches and Philip Moore.

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



SOUTHERN FEDERATION AGM 2017

This will be held on the 11th March in Burton-on-Trent. If any members would like to attend for the society, please contact Barry Fane asap

A message from the Membership Secretary Allan Shirley

It is pleasing to see more & more existing members renewing early and having new people join us.

Despite this welcome situation some existing senior members have overpaid their subscription and I'm dealing with it by making sure that the form is correct and sending a refund. I've also noticed that some renewers are not providing an email address to help us keep them updated with the latest bulletin. The club must move forward with the times because before too long a printed bulletin, posted out, will be a 'thing of the past'. The costs and the time needed will be beyond the club's resources. Having an email address will give members the additional benefit of access to the members area of the website.

So, to remind those who were already 75 years young on the 1st January 2016, i.e. born on or before 31 December 1940, your membership fee is held at £10, but for those who weren't then all adults over the age of 18 will pay £20.

There is already some thought being given to the possibility of members without an email address paying a different membership rate to cover the ever increasing cost of a posted paper bulletin.

Allan

THE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM IS IN THE MEMBERS AREA OF THE NDSME WEBSITE.

A copy is also on the last page of this bulletin.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Membership categories (please tick as appropriate)

Please indicate your interest/s

Adult (18 and over)	£20.00	
Junior (under 16 and subject to supervision by a parent/guardian or other adult, who is a member.	free	
Junior (16 and over and under 18)	£10.00	
Senior (only for those qualifying for this status as at 01 April 2016)	£10.00	
Associate (spouse or partner)	£2.00	

Miniature Railways	
Model Railways	
Road Engines	
Stationary Engines	
Clock & Watchmaking	
Miniature/model boats or aeroplanes	
Other (please specify)	

Member details (capital letters please)

Full Name d.o.b.

Address

Postcode email

Phone

I agree to abide by the Rules of the Society (tick box) ☐

I enclose my cheque to the value of £ made payable to *Norwich & District Society of Model Engineers*. Please include an SAE for return of receipt and membership card. Do not send cash in the post.

Signature..... Date.....

DATA PROTECTION ACT (1998) Your personal details will be held securely in compliance with the Data Protection Act (1998) and not passed to anyone other than relevant society officers. If you wish your contact details to be put on a membership list that will be circulated to other members, please tick this box ☐

Please send this form and your remittance to: The Membership Secretary, NDSME, 17 The Ridgeway, Norwich NR1 4ND

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Recd by Mem Sec	Date	Receipt sent	Date
Cheque banked	Date	Mem No.	