

NORWICH & DISTRICT SOCIETY OF MODEL ENGINEERS

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DIRECTORS MEETING 08 NOVEMBER – SUMMARY

The meeting opened with an announcement of the death of member Raymond Snelling.

The directors resolved to invite Neville Gower to succeed the late Arnold Hoskins as president.

It was agreed that the society would affiliate to the *Northern Association* and that the secretary would make the application. [*this has since been done, ed.*]

The purchase of new batteries for the Cl.42 was authorised.

The treasurer advised on moves to unfreeze the society bank account and to change the mandate.

The society currently has eight directors. Up to twelve are permitted. It was resolved to co-opt Mike Riches from Jan 1st 2017. The secretary would handle the necessary procedures.

The distribution of bulletins was discussed. It was resolved that Philip Moore would ensure that members without access to the internet would be provided with hard copies, either by post or distribution at monthly meetings.

The new society rules would be posted to all members at renewal. [*These are currently available in the members area, ed.*]

Electrical and water provision to steaming bays were authorised to be modified for easier access.

It was suggested that the society be involved in fundraising to repair a broken park feature that was in danger of dereliction. This will be followed up as details become available. It was suggested that Mayday bank holiday could be devoted to this.

The treasurer presented a financial report with recommendations for further actions.

The Chairman stated the position that the previous closures to the public on last Sundays of the month will be discontinued. Members are invited to run their light engines, without the requirement to carry a guard, at all times on a Sunday, subject only to train protection procedure in the event of a breakdown. It was also resolved that private running on the ground level track will also be encouraged on the first Sunday of the month when the raised track is in use. This will facilitate those members who wish to run their engines without a public presence.

Philip Moore will acquire a strip light and associated fittings for the signal box.

A director was questioned regarding a potential conflict of interest with a rival society and stated that none existed.



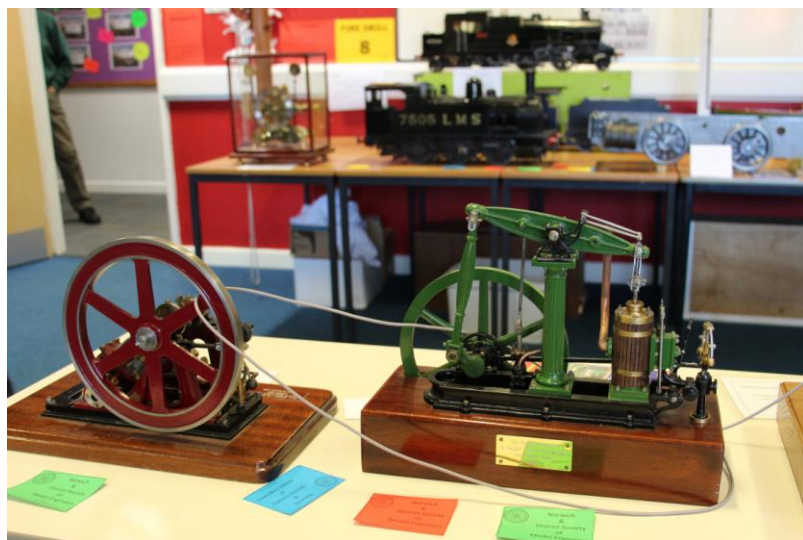
BOILER TESTING

A service for members – by arrangement.

Contact the Chairman.

Lowestoft Exhibition 22/23 Oct 2016

After initial doubts, this exhibition was well attended by NDSME members. Considerable thanks are due to Roger Montgomery who organised exhibits and staffing. In all, 47 exhibits were displayed, filling the room allocated to us. All concerned felt it was well worthwhile. Below are some of the varied and exciting exhibits.



(left) Maconie oscillating engine and Bridewell Beam engine, both built by Robert Bailey

(right) Pete Kings 5" gauge 0-6-0 Simplex *Teal* - this was his first attempt at model engineering.





(above) Work in progress. Chris Shingles 4-4-0 Atlantic & Brian Bakers 4-6-0 B12

(below) John Peterson's 3D printer was subject of much interest.





(above) various small exhibits including Neville Gower's 0-4-2 Jordan and Kevin Laxon's steam launch *Vera Alice* and *Buzzier 3 Tug*.



At the rear of this image is Richard Crooks fine CIE loco, already a regular performer at EP.

The Society would like to thank all the members who came out to support our club at Lowestoft, including, Roger Montgomery (organiser), Brian Baker, Barry Fane, David Beeken, Robert Bailey, Richard Spalding, Chris Shingles, Mike Fordham, Peter King, Richard Crook, John Peterson, Neville Gower and Kevin Laxon.

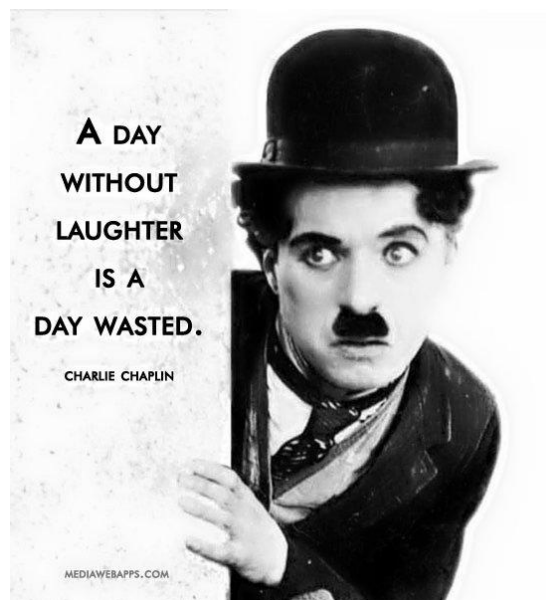
ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE MEMBERS AREA?

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

A little laugh always helps...

Q. What's the model engineer's favourite ride at the fairground?

A. The Ferrous Wheel



Santa Specials at Eaton Park.

As an experiment we are running public Santa Specials on Sundays 4th and 11th December. We need Christmas decorations urgently, especially electricals. We also would like help on the two days from any members who can come along. There will be plenty to do! Please let the chairman know if you can help in either respect - email chairman@ndsme.co.uk. Thanks.



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.

THE SAFEST RISK IS THE ONE YOU DIDN'T TAKE!

Raymond Snelling

1933 – 2016



The death is announced of member and director Raymond Snelling, following a recent illness. Raymond's involvement with the NDSME dates back to the early 1960s. He had been a director for 44 years and had memories of the original premises in King St. that were destroyed during the war. Barry Steel, a contemporary of Ray writes,

"Raymond was a very skilful and enthusiastic member of the Tuesday gang helping to build the new Clubhouse, as well as many other projects. He was also a master craftsman in boat building which was his profession. Raymond could turn his hand to most things and was always ready to help out when asked. A challenge for him came when I asked him if he could design and build a dining room table for us. This he did willingly, from choosing the wood in the yard to the finished product. What a masterpiece! Beautifully polished with extension panels underneath to extend to 14ft. I know he will be missed by members of the Club. He was an enthusiastic and loyal member."

Neville Gower writes fondly of Raymond,

"There is a picture of Raymond on a very wet day (in 2003, above) helping to secure the roof trusses for the building at Eaton Park, I was on the other end out of sight. I met Raymond when I first joined NDSME and we soon became good friends. My interest in building loco's and Raymond being the Boiler inspector meant that he soon took a great interest in what I was doing with lots of advice and practical help. Then came the construction of the Building in the Park. Ann and I were visiting Joyce and Raymond at their home, when Joyce took me to one side and asked if I would ask Raymond to help me to put up the building. I did and rest is history. We worked together with others and the Building grew. Raymond liked to work in a small group, and had many skills. I remember arriving at the Park with a covering of snow on the ground. I had unlocked the platelayers hut when Raymond arrived. We were the only ones there that day. Raymond looked at me and said "We must be bloody sorft coming here on a day like this". We brushed the snow off the scaffolding boards and laid bricks all day finishing off the top of the wall on the south side of the building and went home feeling very satisfied with our days work. After the building came the laying of the 7/14" ground level track and all the accessories that has made the railway what it is today (including the tunnel that Raymond was recently involved with). Raymond with others has worked endlessly with no reward, but with pride and satisfaction. Raymond has been a great asset to NDSME for his skills and advice and I for one will miss very much, as I know other members will. He is at peace now with Joyce who I know he sadly missed so much."

NDSME Chairman Barry Fane and the Directors would like to express their heartfelt sympathy to Rays family at the loss of such a respected and valued member of the society. Rays funeral will be at St Faiths at 1100 on the 28th November. Family flowers only, otherwise donations to the Big 'C' Fund



A coach is being 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

- 04 Dec 16 **Santa Specials** at Eaton Park. Offers of help welcome.
- 11 Dec 16 **Santa Specials** at Eaton Park. Offers of help welcome.
- 14 Dec 16 *A Light-hearted Look at the Auctioneers Life* by Martyn Fox MBE. Angel Rd Infants
- 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

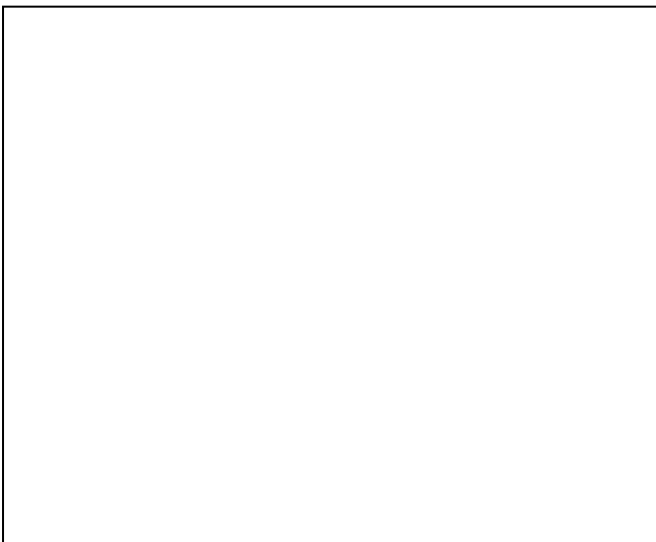
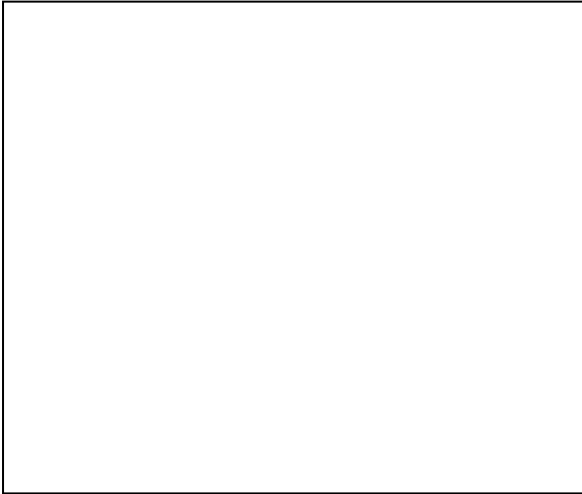
If you have any suggestions for future meetings, let us know. Remember there is still a vacancy for Meetings Organiser too! Email the chairman if you'd like to help.



Members visit Gauge One show at Hepworth

Mike Fordham reports,

Not the *One Show*, but the *Gauge 1 Show*! In October, some NDSME members visited the Gauge 1 Group's (G1G) railway in their club house at Hepworth. The track is a large four line oval with servicing sidings etc and it is arranged so each member has a 30 minute slot which he shares with another member. The star this time was a G1G members new gas-fired *Big Boy* (centre pic below) which he kept very close to him as it ran round the circuit. There were also plenty of other fine working steam gas fired and electric engines working. NDSME member Brian Sayer's Class 66 (lower pic) effortlessly pulled 40 containers, while fellow member David Beeken fired up his 4-4-0 prior to painting (top pic). It was well worth the trip down to Suffolk.



Spotted on the internet

A group of enthusiasts are constructing a 7.25 gauge railway in a park in St Neots. They've just received planning permission for their line and infrastructure.



They're roughly where ndsme was at the turn of the century, so let's all wish them well!
Find further info by Googling "riverside miniature railway facebook"

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NDSME directors (committee) and officers as at 15 Nov 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, Dave Beeken, Roger Montgomery and Philip Moore.

There are 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

A message from the new Membership Secretary Allan Shirley

Hello NDSME members,

As I've just taken over this role, I'm more or less starting from scratch. The advantage of this is that I can check all the membership info the society holds and correct any inaccuracies. To this end, the membership form has been redesigned and you will all receive the new one next Feb/March as subs become due for renewal. Lookout for it by post or in the Member's Area.

Allan

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A further directors meeting was held on 15 November.

This is a summary.

Directors Meeting 15 November 2016

The meeting was convened to consider an item discussed at the previous meeting of 8 November.

A director was asked if he would provide supporting evidence to justify a payment made to him by a previous treasurer. This was declined. At this point the director announced his resignation.

Wider discussion followed and the director was thanked for the excellent work he had done.

The director concerned left the meeting .

The remaining directors discussed the options open to board regarding the unauthorised payment to the

director and another amount paid by a former treasurer to himself.

Options considered,

(1) To regard the payments as a *fait accompli* and enter this in the accounts with no further action. HMRC to be routinely informed of the transactions.

(2) To inform the authorities of the situation.

It was decided not to make a final decision at this point. Instead, the various options open to the directors will continue be investigated and a course of action recommended. The meeting then concluded.