

NORWICH & DISTRICT SOCIETY OF MODEL ENGINEERS

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DIRECTORS MEETING 11 OCTOBER – SUMMARY

Following the EGM, the new board of directors discussed, *inter alia*, the following,

- The original *Articles of Association* of the limited company need revising. A start is being made by converting the original hard copy of 1967 into an electronic document.
- Membership was discussed and new categories of Junior (under 16), Junior (16 to under 18) and Senior (over 75) were created. These categories will apply to new members. Associate membership was abolished for new members, however, all pre-existing associate members will retain their existing category.
- Directors confirmed that the previous treasurer has been removed from post and a new treasurer has been appointed.
- Investigations are to be made as to whether the large stock of plastic track chairs can be sold on if track replacement methods change. The plastic chairs have been found to be prone to vandalism.
- Directors voted to repeal the previous ruling that club “expenses” would be deducted from all charity running days. Consequently, an extra £59 will be donated to EACH via the Poringland branch.
- The directors decided to appoint a new president. Negotiations are underway to find a suitable candidate.
- The coach trip to LMEE, 21st Jan 2017, was discussed and the fare was set at £21, with members obtaining their own entry.
- Mike Riches has offered to refurbish the Cl42 battery loco in his workshop over the winter and this offer was accepted. New batteries will be acquired for next operating season.
- A hard copy of HSG216 (miniature railways) and HSG129 (H&S) will be obtained for the clubhouse. These documents are also available online.
- Acquisition of materials for repairs to the raised track were authorised.

Children in Need Day, 09 October 2017

This was the final day of the operating season and was repositioned in early October, having crept back into September because of the vagaries of the calendar. Because of the disturbance on the Board during the summer, there was no organised publicity campaign beforehand however Mike Fordham and Mike Riches stepped in with some *ad hoc* posters and Facebook posts the week before to rescue the day! We'd had a long, hot summer and early autumn, but this came to a sudden end the week before and CiN Day was initially wet and chilly but did improve as the afternoon went by. Four locos shared the load, stalwarts all. These were Neville Gower's *Holmside*, Pete King's *Elidir* and DieselMike's *CI73* and quarry locos.

After a damp start, the weather improved slightly and the park became noticeably busier, and the three trains ran more or less constantly until around 1630 when the two steamers left the circuit. Brian Baker gave the new station signalling system a workout and despite a few teething troubles this generally went well.

The BBC actor who plays Pudsey Bear could not attend this year so Allan Shirley volunteered to do a couple of stints in the bearsuit.



In the pic (left) Pudsey works his magic with the crowd while Barry Fane, John Ward and Richard Wells look on. We think Allan thrived in his new role, which he performed surprisingly well and he said he enjoyed it. Mostly.

At the end of the day, the society was able to donate £567 to Children in Need. Although this goes into a "national pot", we should remember that much comes back to the area to be spent locally.

Significantly, Archant sent both a photographer and a journalist to cover the event – a measure perhaps of its prestige.

RAISED - £567

The club would like to thank all those members who came along and made the day a good 'un.

LOWESTOFT MODEL ENGINEERING EXHIBITION 22 & 23 OCTOBER

Roger Montgomery is still seeking potential exhibitors and helpers for this event from within the NDSME.

If you'd like to go in either capacity, please contact him on 01603 403395

Pete King's latest project, a much modified Romulus in 7.25" gauge

I was asked me to do a short article on my latest engine and as it's exactly four years since I purchased two "part built" locos from a model engineer in Chippenham, I thought I would show photos (below) of the engine on 19th. August 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 plus today's picture.

I decided to build the *Romulus* as it's about the biggest 7.25" loco I could build in my workshop using a Myford Super 7 and small Centec milling machine, however, because I have never liked the look of the standard *Romulus* 0-4-0 I decided to add another axle to make it 0-6-0 and change the valve gear from Hackworth to Walschaerts.

To be able to make these modifications I purchased and learnt QCAD. I have all the necessary drawings available - so if anyone is interested give me a call.

As you will see from the photos I am getting to the point where I will be stripping to paint it very shortly so hopefully we will see it in steam next year.

I have been taking photos all the way through the build and have about 200 in total so if anything in particular interests you please let me know via the website and more will be forthcoming.

Pete King August 2016



August 2012 – raw materials and components

August 2013 frames and wheelsets



August 2014 rods and valves



August 2015, boiler and bodywork

August 2016, ready for painting



If this loco performs anything like Pete's Elidir, it'll be an absolute cracker! We look forward to its debut at EP (Ed.)

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 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 dep Notcutts (or other point if Notcutts unavailable) at 0730.

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.



22 /23 October	Lowestoft ME Exhibition. To exhibit or help call Roger Montgomery on 01603 403395
09 November	Meeting at Angel Road – <i>Bloodhound SSC</i> by Peter Harrison
04 & 11 December	Santa Specials at Eaton Park – offers of help welcome.
14 December	Meeting at Angel Rd A <i>light-hearted look at the auctioneers life</i> by Martyn Fox MBE
11 January 2017	to be confirmed
21 January	Coach to LMEE – £21, dep Norwich 0730

Some recent pics...

Neville's new build *Holmside II*. The shortened side tanks give it a particularly Victorian look, don't you think?



Pudsey Bear, played by the new membership secretary. We were able to donate over £560 to *Children in Need* this year.



16th October saw the *Soup & Roll Day* at the park. The soup was, of course, chicken and there were other treats available. The coffee cake didn't last long.



Brian Baker testing the new signal panel.





Company (Society) directors and officers as at 20 October 2016

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

Other directors: Peter King, Dave Beekman, Charles Lovett, Ray Snelling, Roger Montgomery and Philip Moore.

There are still three 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.

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