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Mike's Points



May 2014

I am sad to report that this month brings the news that yet another stalwart of the Society, Don Norman, has passed away. Don was the Secretary of the Society for many years and as such he led the planning application for the track extension. His work on this was as always very thorough and he was a tenacious advocate on behalf of the Society. During the Club refurbishment he was often seen, brush in hand, busy up a ladder. The Society owes a lot to him and we send our condolences to his family.



A former member, Peter Williams, who will be remembered by some especially in the OO section, has also passed away this month.

Next week sees our 24th Welsh Locomotive Rally on Friday and Saturday. Once again we are expecting many visitors and ask Members to come and help out with the smooth running of this our premier showcase for the Society and its renowned hospitality.

Losing willing members is a blow to the Society especially at a time when we need members to contribute their efforts to support the maintenance of the site and help at the Open Days.

The maintenance of the site has deteriorated and we ask members to remember their commitment to assist in this. There is always something needing to be done so please come on a Saturday or Tuesday morning, you will be welcome and asked to help on the various jobs, no special skills needed!!

It is expected as part of your Membership that you support the Open Days. The funds raised at the Open Days provide the facilities for you to use so please come along and contribute your time to enable us to maintain our standards and reputation as one of the best Model Engineering Societies in the country and a provider of great days out for our public.







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May News

3rd May Auction



The selling of member's workshops is a service that the Society undertakes when requested. This was the biggest sale the Society has undertaken and it took a small group of members many hours to collect the items by car and van and then assemble and number in the club room.





Altogether there were 291 numbered workshop Lots and a total of 276 were sold on the day. The items came from Don Moss, Eddie Davies and Dave Morfett's workshops. Larger machines from the three workshops were sold separately.





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After a close inspection of the Lots by members, the sale got underway. As usual, Gerard carried through the duties of Auctioneer and did a brilliant job of extracting money from those attending, not an easy task to do! Due to the size of the sale, members from other Clubs had been invited to come along.











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Many Members were involved in organising and keeping track of the sale. John and Rob were recording the price and buyer of the items sold with Mike and Vic distributing them. As Ken Stoat said after the Auction a small band of members had worked hard to sort and bring the items to sale and they all should be thanked for the work they had undertaken.



Ken Stoat reported the results of the Auction.

Money raised from Eddie's sale was donated to the Society. £100 was donated to the charity Latch from Don's sale, the balance to the Society. A donation of 10% to the Society from Dave Morfett's sale, the balance to the family.

Not all of Eddie's workshop could be displayed due to lack of room, the rest will be sold at a later date.

This was the biggest sale the club has under taken.

The selling of member's workshops is a service that the club undertakes when requested generally with a donation to the Society of around 10%





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Society trip to Fawley Hill Vintage Steam Extravaganza



Members gather for an early start on the Sunday

The three-day celebration of steam-powered and vintage vehicles was organised by Sir William and Lady McAlpine to mark her 70th birthday.

Machinery ranged from stationary engines to traction engines, horse-drawn ploughs, ploughing engines and JCBs. More than 150 engines were on display.

There were steam rollers, lawn mowers, motorbikes, buses, vans, lorries, scooters, bicycles, fire engines, a steam bus, boats and an array of military vehicles including tanks.

Visitors enjoyed the fun of the fair on 14 steam-driven fairground rides, many of which were more than 100 years old.







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The Main Ring and time for sandwiches



Both flying over the Ring













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The steepest standard gauge track in Britain 1:13.6



Two types of Power!

Columns from St Pancras station



