



# Southampton Society of Model Engineers Ltd

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## NEWS LETTER

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### Club Corner

21 <sup>st</sup> June	No Trains Day!
28/29 <sup>th</sup> June	Open Weekend at Riverside.
12/13 <sup>th</sup> July	I.M.L.E.C. (Bristol)
9 <sup>th</sup> July	To Be Arranged
19/20 July	Guildford Rally.
13 <sup>th</sup> August	<u>No Meeting</u>
16 <sup>th</sup> August	'Fun Day' at 'Riverside' and Barbecue.

All meetings are normally held at the Royal British Legion, Manor Branch, Bullar Road, Bitterne Park, Southampton on the second Wednesday of each month at 8:00pm.

### Please note new Secretary's Address

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### Your Editors Notes on the 2003 AGM

Hear we are again another year another AGM gone bye and 'Pansy' still not in steam.

The AGM was opened by Vice Chairman Dave Giles.

The minutes from the last AGM were read and accepted, it does not seem like a year ago we were mourning the loss of our Chairman Dave Batt. He I think would have been proud of the way in which the society has rallied it's self. We must all be very contented as there were no matters arising from the 2002 AGM

In an address by Eric (Brunel) Moxham as retiring Chairman, he said thankyou for supporting him through a difficult year, and that he would be on call for the future if required.

Our Vice Chairman Dave Giles next addressed the meeting. He said that the club had suffered great loss in the past year, and that it may have been a very precarious time. New rules and there implications for our activities have been at the front of our minds over the last year.

Maintenance at the track had gone well given the weather, and given that another job had been added by a tree falling on the track. A big thankyou for the help of members who had done work during this period. Thankyou to Monica for her stint as Secretary and to Ron as Treasurer in the past years.

The accounts were again more than ably run through by Ron Bray. Who answered questions from the floor, and as it is the last time that he will be carrying out his task we must say a big thankyou to Ron for all that he has done in the past and for his amazing loyalty to the society over the last 31 years as treasurer. Apparently if Richard carries on in office for the same period he will be 60 something.

Next came another new face our new President Dave Corbett who has taken up the reigns of his father. He thanked the committee for managing the society so well during a difficult time and especially in keeping track of expenses.

The 'Lifers' were up next, and first to receive his badge of office was Eric Moxham for his unstinting work in getting the seven and a quarter track built. In his acceptance address he commented the he never knew a sabbatical could be so b\*\*\*\*\* short, Ron Bray was up next and his more than thirty years service made him an obvious choice for a lifer the only thing that had stopped it before was that a life member cannot be a senior officer at the same time. Ron said "you could say it's been a pleasure" and that he had great pride in what the society had achieved. Last but not least was Monica who I believe had been stitched up by Dave fifteen years previously, and deservedly is standing down to carry on with her own life. But never fear grandson Batt will I am sure have a bit of the old block in him somewhere. Monica accepted her badge on behalf of herself and Dave, and was presented with a bouquet from the membership.

Last but by no means least the election of officers.

Chairman:- Tony Hoile.

Treasurer:- Richard Reeves

Secretary:- Mollie Giles.

General Committee elected were Paul Clarke, Ralph Biffen.

The auditors for the coming year are to stay the same. (Goodwin Shaw)

As nothing was raised by the members the AGM was declared closed at approximately 8:30pm.

#### Will we Won't We, Do we Don't We.

Paul Clarke

The Committee has been discussing the good and bad points of having a 'website'. If you have a 'web' connection and have any ideas on this subject please let them be known. There are of course good and bad points to everything in this world. But In this case I personally think the good outweigh the bad.

#### Good Points

It may be possible to deliver this newsletter to those people with net connections for a fraction of the price of snail mail and would not incur any paper costs to the society either.

We could get a wider coverage of our events for a very small outlay in comparison with other forms of advertising.

It may encourage younger members to the society who do not know that Southampton has a model engineering society this is backed up by the number of people in the park on a Sunday afternoon who say "I never knew you were here I only live up the road".

#### Bad Points

Security concerns can mainly be resolved by using false names etc. Someone has to maintain the 'Web site' on a regular basis. Anyone who has surfed the 'net' for 'model engineering' sites will know that many of them have not been updated for sometime.

#### For Sale

GWR "Granville Manor" 7818 in 5" Gauge  
some painting/touching up required. New Boiler certificate

£3000

Also small pedestall mill (floor standing), horizontal/vertical with cutters and collets 0.5hp motor, good working condition £175

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The lack of committee notes, chairman's report etc, in this newsletter are due to the large number of new incumbents on the committee.

And will I am sure be back to normal by the June newsletter.