



MAIDSTONE MODEL ENGINEERING SOCIETY

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Maidstone Model Engineering Society

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Your Committee

The committee exists to serve the club, to look out for the clubs interests and to make decisions on behalf of the club and its members.

Each committee member has volunteered and been elected by the membership at the AGM.

We are your committee, if you would like a point raised, either write/email to Tom, or talk to one of us and we can raise an issue on your behalf.

- Chairman - Chris Hawkins
- Vice Chairman - Sue Parham
- Secretary - Tom Parham
- Treasurer - Edgar Playfoot
- Press Officer - Luke Bridges
- Pat Riddles
- John Hawkins
- Andrew Hulse
- Chris Williams
- Jack Ruler
- Amy Bridges

Cover photo: Dave’s BI after I got a play with her

Luke's Spot

It's the end of the summer, and that time of year when looking forward to winter projects.

As I write this, more metal and bolts have turned up to carry on with Northumbrian, and Bantam Cock is looking to be in good shape again having a boiler ticket for the first time since covid.

The October Club night (6th Oct) will be the last for the year and is planned to be a bits and pieces night, and when the committee last spoke we all agreed that each of us has something to bring and would do so to that evening. That makes 11 of us bringing something - this will be confirmed at Oct committee meeting, but this was the agreement from the start of the year. Hopefully that encourages others to attend and bring back what used to be great evenings for chat and discussion and demonstration of work, projects, new toys. Myself I'll bring Northumbrian and maybe the Ruston - I wonder what else we will have.

From a personal POV we had a good weekend up in the North East. We went to see the new Whitby Lifeboat with Dads name 'Andy Bridges' on the side along with numerous other names of loved ones and memories, but also made the most of it in the most Dad way possible. Lunch at Locomotion Shildon, a day exploring and riding around Beamish museum, then steam from Pickering to Whitby for the lifeboat. Seeing the boat, in a place Dad loved, an old school harbour, served by steam, working sea industry in historic surroundings is absolutely a very Dad place to be, and ride the waves on shouts with them.

I wish you all a good end of season and have interesting workshop winter plans. I know I do.



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At the park

General Works - Jack Ruler & Chris Williams

An estimate had been received for the roof repair of £1080. CCTV has been investigated further by C. Hawkins, the best solution is a wireless system with a 5G router. You are on CCTV signs would be required. This should be proceeded with and try to disguise the cameras as much as possible, plus install dummy cameras that are visible. The compressor has died again, the suspicion is the head gasket or a valve. We will look at a new one and keep the pump to rebuild as a spare.

Household and Catering - Sue Parham & Pat Riddles

Hot water maker had stopped working; a filter change has sorted it.

The club night had 15 attendees, 12 eating and 3 locos running.

Public Running - Sue Parham & Chris Williams

nothing to report, other than a lack of volunteers on the list.

Safety - John Hawkins

A new hose reel has been bought, and fitted.

Permanent Way - Chris Williams

A slight issue at the top bend was looked at again and nothing found so far, ongoing.

Fuel & Club Locos - Chris Hawkins

19 bags of coal in stock. Enterprise lubricator has been rebuilt. Gertie is working, just gearbox temperamental as always. Frenchie is ongoing.

Rolling Stock - Amy & Luke Bridges

A new gap cover has been made for club trolleys.

Other business

A GI and SM32 track is being devised for submission to the council forming a kidney bowl shape off the back of the trolley store.

GI steaming area and sidings via a lift bridge to a section on the fence alongside the trolley sidings. And SM32 steaming area and sidings alongside the straight of the trolley shed.

Proposed to be build from scaffold poles as legs, steel base, lockable steel lids and covers for protection.

More on this in the next issue when drawings/plans are more advanced.

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MMES DIARY DATES 2023

Club Night - Bits and Pieces

Midlands Model Engineering Exhibition

Last Public run of 2023

Boxing Day run

6th Oct

12th - 15th Oct

29th Oct

26th Dec

Don't forget there is almost always someone at the club on Wednesday's and Sunday's even out of the running season, testing, having a play or doing maintenance work around the track and club site - or even just there for a cup of tea and a chat!

