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Editorial

Welcome to the latest issue of the Mid Essex Railway Gazette, your club newsletter keeping you up to date with recent club events and news.

This issue contains important information:- notice of this year's club A.G.M. Please note that this year it is on a Tuesday, possibly for the first time in MEMRC history? We hope to have a full house, but if you can't make it please remember to let the Secretary or the Chairman know.

I must also draw your attention to the Addresses section of the newsletter and the correct address for the Treasurer – important with subscription renewals on the horizon.

News from our Afghanistan member, Rod Younger, who will be home in May and coming down to the club to see the new premises for the first time. That's new and extended "Narnia"!!

Please consider submitting articles for inclusion in the MERG; anything relating to the club or model railways in general will be welcomed – exhibitions attended, your latest modelling project, a purpose built modelling room, developments at the club, developments on club layouts, all experiences, information and news which can be shared with all the members, especially those who are unable to attend the clubhouse very often. Please email submissions to merg@midessexmrc.org or if you cannot send by email, please hand your hard copy to the club secretary. If you have a short note to send you are welcome to send a text message (SMS) – please see the Copy Deadlines section for details.

Robert (031)

MID ESSEX MODEL RAILWAY CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This year's club A.G.M. will again be held at our CLUB HOUSE, no.7 Dawcott, Ivy Barn Lane, Margaretting, Essex, CM4 0PX on **TUESDAY 28th February** starting at 7.45pm. Please note the change to a Tuesday to accommodate the Treasurer.!

So:-

Notice is hereby given that the Thirty Fifth Annual General Meeting of the Mid Essex Model Railway Club will be held at the Club House on **TUESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2012** commencing at **7:45pm**

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Chairman's Report
3. Secretary's Report
4. Treasurer's Report

In addition to setting budgets for each project, it is suggested that we should have an indication from the layout coordinators of their expected expenditure for the year, thus enabling the treasurer to work out how to allocate funds.

It is also suggested that we should have all purchases authorised by one of the committee to keep a closer eye on what is being spent.

5. Election of Officers

Chairman :-

Secretary:-

Treasurer:-

(Please note that all three of the existing committee are prepared to stand for another year.)

Nominations for any of the above posts must be made in writing to the Secretary with agreement from the nominee, before the start of the meeting.

6. Layout Reports

- (a) Blackwells Brewery Company
- (b) Butler Central
- (c) Zanesville
- (d) Lydgate
- (e) 'EM' Layout (donated by Phil)
- (f) "Dr. John's" 'EM' layout
- (g) The new 'Marks Tey' Project

7. 2012 Exhibition Update and 2011 'de-brief'

8. Mid Essex Railway Gazette

9. Any Other Business at the discretion of the Chairman (Items for inclusion to be with the Chairman prior to the meeting)

The Treasurer will be on hand to collect subscriptions, which became payable in full, due on 1st January 2012 and currently at £55 for full membership, £30 Concession/Junior and £15 for Associate membership.

These amounts may increase following the treasurers report to the meeting.

If you have received this notice in the post, it may be that we have not got your email address, therefore:-

Would ALL MEMBERS please supply the Secretary with their e-mail address so that future information and the MERG can be sent electronically.

Please make every effort to attend, remember it is your club.

Apologies for absence can be sent to the secretary at 15 Edwards Close, Hutton, Brentwood, CM13 1BU, together with any nominations for officers, amendments to the running of the club and AOB's.

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Minutes of the 34th Annual General Meeting of the Mid Essex Model Railway Club held at the new club house on Thursday 24th February 2011, starting at 7.45pm.

There were 24 members present.

1. Apologies for absence were received from:-

Graham Roper, Barry Wood, Lawrence Hunnikin, Dave Rayner, Robert Rayner, Chris Stapleton, Iain Stewart, Andy Kent.

2. Chairman's Report:-

Our Chairman Bill gave his report. This was a brief round up of the year with a few ideas on forthcoming projects, most of which would be covered in the following headings.

3. Secretary's Report:-

David then gave his report stating that we had increased our membership over the last year giving us 11 new members since the move from Ingatestone.

A run down of the years events included Club Dinner, Erith exhibition, Club Open Day at the Brentwood theatre, Tonbridge exhibition, open day at the new club house, Mangapps visit, Peter with his tree demonstration at 'TIME', outing to the NEC, outing to CMRA at St. Albans, Romford exhibition, and again the Erith exhibition with Zanesville.

Thanks again was given to Steve Barrett for organising the members dinner and Peter for the Mangapps evening.

4. Treasurer's Report:-

The Treasurer, Dave Thompson, then circulated copies of the accounts and explained a few points. A discussion on membership followed and the treasurer stated that he felt the subs should stay the same as in previous years, ie £55 full, £30 conc/junior and £15 associate/country members. Nigel Bowdidge proposed to adopt the accounts and was seconded by Ken Wilkinson. Vote carried unanimously.

5. Election of Officers:-

As there were no nominations for any of the officers posts and the existing officers were prepared to stand again, it was put to the vote. Nigel proposed to accept 'en bloc', seconded by Ken Pullin and voted unanimously. A vote of thanks to the committee was also given by Ken Pullin.

6. Layout Reports:-

(a) Nigel gave his report on Blackwells Brewery Company outlining the work on track building and relaying by Dave Rayner. Progress was well advanced. There were no exhibition invites as yet but once the work was completed an effort would be made to get the BBC back out on the circuit.!

(b) Ken Wilkinson and Ian then gave us the report on Butler Central and how it was progressing. Ray, Ian and Stephen Reed then made points about the bad and upsetting feelings that had arisen around the working group on the layout and requested a meeting of all interested parties. It was agreed to have a meeting and/or an EGM.

(c) Tim Mercer gave us the update on Zanesville. The layout was now complete and was a lot more reliable. He had been short on people for the previous exhibition and was looking to 'train up' more members in its operation. He then stated that he would like to explore the possibility of extending the layout into a "roundy roundy" with fiddle yards across the back.

(d) David then gave the report on Lydgate which had become a club layout at the last AGM. The layout had performed well on all its outings and had been a great success as a lighting demo as well. The diary was looking good for forthcoming exhibitions.

(f) For those of you who remember the club layout Bromley Hill, which was last exhibited in 2001 and subsequently retired and moved to Spain with our member, Robert; this has now got its own layout room and is currently being revamped. Obviously a visit will have to be organised for a 'running session'!!!

7. Exhibition:-

Ken Wilkinson then gave us his report on the 2010 exhibition which he stated was again very successful. The CMRA meeting worked well and exhibitors liked the new room layout despite the last minute changes with the Gym not being available because of over-running asbestos removal. The 2011 booking at the school was likely to cost us £1,950 as they were looking to increase charges. It was suggested that we try selling admission to the queue prior to opening, and that members/stewards adhere to the rotas. It was also noted that we do need walkie talkies and Ian said he would look into it for us.

8. Expansion of Club House:-

It was announced that our landlord said we would be in "Narnia" later on this year and work was starting in four weeks. Members may need to help with some of the work and definitely when it came to decorating.

9. Mid Essex Railway Gazette:-

Bill read out Chris Stapletons email about stepping down from his editorial role and requesting help with articles for a new editor to use. Robert Chilton had sent in an offer to take over the editorship of the MERG from Spain and emailing it to all members, with the secretary printing off copies for those who are not electronically connected.!!! This was the quickest yes vote from all the members that I can remember!

10. A.O.B.s:-

A vote of thanks was given to Ray for his sterling efforts with the tea making at meetings. It was suggested by Stephen (R) that we invite prospective new members to come to the club following our exhibition on the Thursday and not Tuesday so as to give us a chance to tidy up and be in more of a position to show them round. This was accepted.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting finally closed at 9.15pm.

Dates for your Diary

This time we have a bumper list of dates for your diary for 2012 and into 2013!

2012

Tuesday 28 th February	Club Annual General Meeting.
Sat/Sun 10 th & 11 th March	Lydgate at Basingstoke Exhibition.
Saturday 17 th March	Great Eastern Railway Society Annual General Meeting.
Sat/Sun 24 th & 25 th March	The Model Railway Club Alexander Palace Exhibition. G.E.R.S. has stand and possible club visit.
Saturday 7 th April	York Exhibition, possible club visit.
Sat/Sun 11 th & 12 th May	Expo EM, possible club visit.
Thursday 5 th July	Mangapps Evening. Club visit to Mangapps Farm Railway Museum.
Saturday 14 th July	C.M.R.A. Modelling day, Watford. Club with modelling demonstration stand.
Sunday 22 nd July	Club Open Day at Club House.
Sat/Sun 4 th & 5 th August	Southwold Exhibition. G.E.R.S. has stand and possible club visit.
Saturday 11 th August	Possible Bexhill Exhibition with B.B.C.
Saturday 2 nd September	Possible Braintree Exhibition with Lydgate .
Saturday 15 th September	OUR OWN EXHIBITION!!
Saturday 29 th September	Scaleforum at Leatherhead. Possible club visit.
Saturday 6 th October	Folkestone Exhibition. Possible club visit.
Saturday 13 th October	Possible Brentford Exhibition with Lydgate .
Saturday 20 th October	Great Eastern Railway Society Half Yearly Meeting.
Sat/Sun 3 rd & 4 th November	B.B.C. at the East London Finescale Exhibition.
Saturday 10 th November	Zanesville at the Romford Exhibition.
Saturday 24 th November	National Exhibition at N.E.C. Possible club visit.

2013

Sat/Sun 12 th & 13 th January	B.B.C. at C.R.M.A. Exhibition, St. Albans.
Saturday 2 nd February	Lydgate at Watford Finescale Exhibition.
Saturday 20 th July	B.B.C. or Lydgate at Northampton Exhibition.

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Copy Deadlines

It is intended to publish the MERG roughly quarterly and at the 2011 AGM it was suggested that the publication dates should fall at times relevant to MEMRC main events, thus: Approximately end of the year with AGM notice; March with AGM report; June prior to the club's Mangapps visit; September prior to the exhibition.

The next issue will be published during March/April 2012, all copy to be received by 17 March 2012.

You can email articles, ideas, info, exhibition and event reports to merg@midessexmrc.org or if short, you can send a text message (SMS) to 07768 310117.

Please email text in Microsoft Word (.doc), Wordpad (.rtf), Notepad (.txt) or Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) format; photos as .bmp or .jpg format. Please do not send photos by SMS!

If you only have 'hard copy' and cannot email it, please hand it to a member of the committee at the club house for forwarding on.

"Marks Tey" project

Following meetings in October 2011, work has now started on a new club '00' gauge layout project, christened "Marks Tey". Here Ken and Geoff are pictured carrying out some preliminary baseboard and track work. Photos by Bill (058)



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