

Minutes of the General Meeting, Christchurch Centre



Apologies: Roy Verden (secretary)

Guest Speakers: Frank Banfield and his old films

Opening: The meeting was opened at 7:45 by the chairman Clive Reynolds

Annual membership: Fees were collected as people arrived.

Club Outings: Mike Grossmith canvassed the membership on their preferences for the annual club outing based on a shortlist drawn up by the committee. MG asked members who were unlikely to participate in the outing to refrain from voting. The outcome was:

Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch Railway	2
Gloucester Warwickshire Railway	6
Isle of Wight Railway	0
Portsmouth Dockyard	1
Chatham Dockyard	0
Tramway	2
Brooklands	7
Duxford	3
Swanage Railway	1
GWR Swindon	0

On the strength of the result, MG recommends GlosWarks be the day out and he would aim to organise a half day visit to Brooklands as well.

Alexandra Palace: CR reported that he had more than enough models for exhibiting at Alexandra Palace and might need to stand one or two down. Passes have not yet arrived.

Display cards are nearly complete. Clive also asked for people who had volunteered to steward complete the list showing which days they could be there during the break.

The Boating Lake: CR commented that the recent rainfall has had the effect of filling the lakes at Verulamium park, so while they are still silted they are sailable with about a foot draught. MG declared an intent to go ahead with the regatta at the park on 12th April and will be taking the club boats along. He asked that anyone needing to get their boat in order bring it along to the March meeting. Rob Briancourt will put a clip on Youtube showing highlights from last weekend's club boating at the lake. CR will be attending the council's Verulamium Park consultative forum to get an update.

G I Railway: CR reported that the committee has approved the initiative to build a G I layout at Puffing Park and invited those interested in participating to fill in the form to register that interest.

Website & Newsletter: No specific news other than Mike Collins (Newsletter Editor) made another call for articles

Club Branded Clothing: CR said that anyone wanting one of the new club branded baseball caps (that he was modelling) needs to contact Jack.

AOB: None

Frank Banfield's Old Films: At 8pm Clive handed the meeting over to Frank Banfield for a show of old films. The membership were treated to a film about the construction of a Southern region motor coach as well as a film about the merry go round coal process and a film somehow managing to mix the subjects of lifeboats with coal mining. The films proved interesting and popular.

Close: At 10pm Clive called for members to show their appreciation and the meeting then closed.