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Green Arrow in Doncaster Museum.

From the Chair

Jack Salter

We continue be active and to Look Forward

I am delighted to be back in the Chair of our excellent Society.

Before Christmas we held a face to face Committee Meeting (they have been held over Zoom recently) with the specific aims of reviewing potential sites for a new track that we have previously considered and not thought ideal and whether they were worth further exploration together with wider review of the Society and what we deliver for members.

The conclusion of the Committee Meeting was that we continue to be an active and viable society with regular talks, breakfast meetings, boiler testing and portable track events. Once the weather improves we will recommence visits to other societies and members have a standing offer to run their locos on York's track. Meetings have continued to be well attended, we had our annual Christmas Dinner and quiz.

A positive outcome of this meeting was that in addition to existing activities, that once a month the weekly breakfast meeting will be a trip out to a place of interest (with breakfast on the agenda) our first outing is to the railway collection at Doncaster Museum on Tuesday 13 Feb – details have been sent out as an email to members. The next trip is already at the planning stage.

Any suggestions for (or offers to organise) one of these visits will be most welcome.

I imagine that the issue that most members are anxious to hear more about is potential new locations for us to rebuild our track. Members will have heard that the developer of Eggborough power station now says that they do not have a suitable location for us within the site, so we are once again looking elsewhere. Committee members are currently asking about two potential new sites, this is a continually developing situation, so don't hesitate to speak to me or any Committee member to find out the latest position.

Please can members enquire about potentially suitable sites they come across, we are most likely to be successful with land or buildings at are designated for community/recreational or educational uses, a 2 acre site with potential for housing development will be beyond our reach!

Before I sign off I must encourage members to attend portable track events, John Hunt has the list of dates and venues for 2024 with him at all of our meetings. Richard will be continuing to organise visits to other

clubs, and we will also continue to let members know when there are Open Days that we can attend.

So there is plenty going on for members to get involved with..

With Best Wishes

Jack

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Leeds SMEE Xmas Quiz 2023

1. Who was Captain Pugwash's deadly opponent in the TV series?
2. What wheel arrangement did the LMS "Crabs" have?
3. After what type of animal were many of the Thompson LNER B1 4-6-0s named?
4. "Big Bertha", the LMS 0-10-0, was built for banking duties up which hill?
5. On a similar subject, which locomotive was built for the LNER for duties on the Worsbrough Incline near Barnsley?
6. What colour were the LNER A4s when they were first introduced?
7. Name two of the three RAF post-war V Bombers.
8. What is the connection between the novel *Trustee from the Toolroom* and the R100 airship?
9. Who is credited with the design of the Great Central *Jersey Lily* 4-4-2s?
10. For publicity reasons, a Class 37 (37093) was painted in an unusual livery. What was the one word used on the livery?
11. In what year did the last of JG Robinson's 2-8-0 ROD class 8K cease commercial work?

12. In May 1941, HMS *Hood* was sunk by two German warships – the *Bismarck* and which other?
13. The HS2 rail line is intended to run between London Euston and (currently) Birmingham, but where does HS1 run between?
14. The Channel Tunnel is still the longest undersea tunnel in the world – and the third longest – but when did it open?
15. Operation Pedestal in 1942 was a convoy to relieve Malta, then under siege from Axis forces. One tanker made it to Grand Harbour with most of its fuel oil and kerosene, saving the fuel situation in Malta. What was the name of the tanker?
16. Only one of the three GSR of Ireland 4-6-0 Queen Class 800 locomotives survives – what is it called?
17. Spike Milligan, Peter Sellers and Harry Secombe were the regular performers in the *Goon Show* – but who was the fourth member in the early days?
18. *Fireball XL5*, a *Supermarionation* puppet show, came after *Supercar* and before *Stingray*, but who was the commander of *Fireball XL5*?
19. Where would you find echidnas in the wild?
20. In what year did trams stop running in Leeds?
21. What is the name of the space telescope launched in 2021 by a US/Canadian/European consortium to replace the Hubble telescope?
22. The BR Standard 9F was originally proposed as a 2-8-2 with a Britannia boiler. Who first built one in 5”G and successfully competed at IMLEC with it?
23. David Beale, a former member of Leeds SMEE, built a prizewinning locomotive that he deemed impossible to drive, and it ended up in a glass case. What was it?
24. Edward George, a regular Road Steam contributor to Model Engineer some years ago, described a Savage steam tractor. He also built a beautiful half-sized Fowler road locomotive, *Galanthus*. What was his nom-de-plume?

25. The American Bell X-1 was the first aircraft to break the sound barrier. However, a British aircraft may well have been the first but was cancelled by the Government. Which British aircraft manufacturer was responsible for the design – details of which were sent to the Americans.
26. Who wrote the *Biggles* books?
27. “No.85” is also known as “No.14”, a Hunslet 2-6-2T on the Welshpool and Llanfair railway. In which country did it spend its working life before returning to the UK?
28. Which London company built the first locomotives for the Ffestiniog Railway in 1863?
29. The Ffestiniog Railway at Boston Lodge has just produced another 0-4-4-0T Double Fairlie; a previous 1872 double Fairlie had the same name, but what is its name?
30. Ness Point is the easternmost point of Great Britain. In which county is it?
31. When did Leeds United last win the FA cup?
32. Sherlock Holmes had Watson as his sidekick, but who played a similar role to Hercule Poirot in some Agatha Christie novels?
33. Who was the Queen of Lothlorien in JRR Tolkien’s *Lord of the Rings*?
34. Sydney Carton is the main character in which Dickens novel?
35. Who is reputed to have rid Ireland of snakes?
36. Who currently owns Jaguar Land Rover?
37. Which ancient Greek mathematician is known as the Father of Geometry?
38. How many volts would you need to pass a current of two amps through a one ohm resistor?
39. What was the real name of author vet James Herriot?
40. What is measured in Henries?
41. What is the name of the boundary around a black hole from which nothing, even light, can escape?

42. What are the main constituents of the alloy invar, known for its low coefficient of linear expansion?
43. What is the UK's largest wild carnivore?
44. How did Brandreth's *Cycloped* differ from the other competitors at the 1829 Rainhill Trials?
45. Who was the MP killed at the opening of the Liverpool and Manchester Railway when *Rocket* ran over him?
46. Name one of the two Amazon girls in the *Swallows and Amazons* story by Arthur Ransome
47. Relatively recently, scientists have discovered evidence of planets revolving around stars other than the sun. What is the name given to these bodies?
48. What is the meaning of a large white circle affixed to the signal arm of a semaphore home signal?
49. We are familiar with the Jurassic, the Cambrian, and the Pleistocene, but what is the current geological epoch?
50. John Cleese famously returned a parrot to a pet shop in Monty Python's Flying Circus, claiming that it was dead, saying a number of different phrases to try to get the point across. What variety was the parrot?

Books, Magazines and DVDs For Sale

Long-standing members will remember Colin Abrey; sadly Colin now has advanced dementia and is being cared for in a Care Home. Following a house move, there are now quite a few items that Colin had previously instructed to be sold in aid of Club funds.

I don't want to sell individual magazines but I'd be happy to let them go in bundles of 10. Similarly, I would prefer not to break up "The British Steam Railway DVD collection" so if somebody would like that in its entirety then please make an offer (There's one on eBay now for £46 including postage).

Magazines

British Railway Modelling (BRM) 2017 / 2018 (About 20-odd issues including the DVDs)

Hornby Magazine 2016 / 2018 (30-odd issues)

A few copies of Railway Modeller and Model Rail, similar period.

Books

LNER Wagons (Tatlow)

A Village Airfield (Steeple Morden) at war (Wells)

British Steam Railway Locomotive 1925 – 1965 (Nock)

Eastern Region Steam Twilight (2 vols) (Walker)

Great Central Twilight Finale (Walker)

The Golden Years of British Steam Railways (Garratt)

British Steam Lives! (Garratt)

A Passion for Steam (Whitehouse/Thomas)

Countdown to 1968 (Adley)

The Railway Vanishes (Forsythe) PB

Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Then and Now (Earnshaw)

Bravery Sacrifice Freedom (RAF Battle of Britain 70th Anniv.) PB

BR Steam-hauled Passenger Trains in the Sixties (Hands)

Western Steam Twilight 1 (Walker)

BR Steaming through the Fifties Vol 11 (Hands)

LNER 150 (Whitehouse/Thomas)

The Great Western Railway (Whitehouse/Thomas)

LMS 150 (Whitehouse/Thomas)

East Anglian Steam Gallery Vols 1 – 3 (Mann) PB

Steam All The Way (Harris)

London Midland Steam Twilight (Walker)

DVDs

British Steam Railways – DeAgostini 96 DVD boxed set Including associated magazines

Decades of Steam (Ian Allan) 1930s/40s/50s/60s 4 DVDs

Prices – Please make an offer!

Please contact Nigel for more details or to express an interest.

Leeds SMEE Xmas Quiz Answers 2023

1. Cut-Throat Jake.
2. 2-6-0
3. Antelopes
4. Lickey incline near Birmingham.
5. 2-8-0 + 0-8-2 Garratt, built by Beyer, Peacock.
6. Silver and Grey
7. Avro Vulcan, Vickers Valiant, Handley-Page Victor.
8. Nevil Shute Norway – author and stress engineer.
9. JG Robinson
10. Police
11. 28 June 1973, Richmond Vale Railway, Australia.
12. The heavy cruiser *Prinz Eugen*
13. London St Pancras and the Channel Tunnel
14. 1994 15. *Ohio*.
16. *Maeve* (One of the five planned was to have been called *Dierdre*...)
17. Michael Bentine.
18. Colonel Steve Zodiac
19. Australia and New Guinea. (A type of egg-laying spiny anteater.)
20. 1959
21. James Webb telescope
22. Lionel Flippance.
23. BR Standard Class 4 2-6-4T.
24. Martin Wallis
25. Miles Aircraft – and the aircraft was the Miles M52.
26. Capt. WE Johns
27. Sierra Leone
28. George England
29. *James Spooner*
30. Suffolk; it's also called Lowestoft Ness, but I wasn't going to tell you that in the question!
31. 1972
32. Captain Hastings
33. Galadriel

34. *A Tale of Two Cities*. "On balance, I think I can say it is the worst of times..."
35. St Patrick
36. Tata Motors of India
37. Euclid
38. Two volts – $V=IR$

39. Alf Wight
40. Electrical Inductance; named for Joseph Henry, an American scientist contemporaneous with Michael Faraday.
41. Event Horizon
42. Iron and nickel
43. Badger
44. It was powered by a horse, not steam. It didn't win...
45. William Huskisson.
46. Nancy and Peggy – or Ruth and Margaret were their "Sunday names"
47. Exoplanets
48. It's a shunting signal, signifying a siding or goods loop.
49. The Holocene.
50. Norwegian Blue

The Money Monster is after your dosh again!

Yes, I am sorry to have to remind you that unless you already have a nice purple 2024 Membership Card, Leeds SMEE subs fell due on the 1st January.

It's £25 for those over 17; if any junior wishes to join it's a snip at £2.



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Thank you!

Nigel

Dates for Your Diary - February--April 2024

7th February	Gauge 1 bits and Bobs Steve Russell	19:00
13th February	Doncaster Museum Trip meet in the museum cafe	10:00
21st February	TBC TBC	
6th March	Wanless Trophy Night	19:00
20th March	TBC TBC	

Breakfast Club meetings Mondays 09:30

The venue for meetings and breakfasts will be

The Mid Yorkshire Golf Club
Havercroft Lane
Darrington
WF8 3BP

Note. On non meeting night Wednesdays an informal meal, drink and natter is usually held at Drax social club.

Society Officers and Committee

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