

RAMSGATE AND DISTRICT MODEL ENGINEERING CLUB

**SPRING MEETING 2023
HELD IN THE CAFÉ IN ELLINGTON PARK
ON THE 31ST MARCH 2023**

MEETING OPENED AT: 19:30

ATTENDEES:

Alan Gibbs
Jane Clements
Duncan Edwards
Roger Holebrook
Darren Argyle
Peter Wilson

Alan thanked the few people that came for attending.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Bob Prior
Nigel Prior
Bob Barwick
Rosemary Barwick
Gerry Kirkland

MINUTES OF AGM:

The minutes were accepted; Proposed by: Darren Argyle - Seconded by: Roger Holebrook.

PARK AND LOCOS:

At the end of last season, there were plans to repair / replace the concrete track supports and to paint the track and replace the remaining concrete panels in the front wall with flints, however it was not possible to get enough people there at the same time to carry out any of the remedial work, so these remain outstanding. The weather also played a part in not getting things done – it has been a wet and windy few months. A to-do list needs creating and adding to the 'Members Area' of the club website, so all can see what needs doing...

The Club's Class 33 loco has had problems with its controller and a new one (4QD) has now been fitted and the loco will be tested shortly.

The Club ran trains at Halloween and EP's Christmas Fayre, both these events were excellent and enjoyable.

Many of the steam locos owned by the Club and members will require steam testing this summer. Alan is to take President home to thoroughly check it over and make any necessary adjustments...

Both Bumblebee and Dragonfly have had their bogies overhauled and new sealed bearings fitted. Lydia has yet to undergo the same treatment.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Insurance renewed.

AOB:

The second loco storage box has yet to be made – Alan is liaising with John Denne, but little progress has been made.

MEETING CLOSED: 19:50