



# Canterbury Tales

## From the President's Desk

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Hello everyone.

It's not that long since I did my last Bulletin, so this one will be short and sweet! Another Xmas is just around the corner; how quickly the year has gone. We are having a great run of good weather and it looks like being a long hot summer this year. The temperatures are in the high 20s already. The last couple of Sundays have been very hot for our loco drivers and staff, but great for the public. Our Show weekend was a great success and a record number turned up to ride our trains. At times during the weekend we had as many as 15 locos and all our wagons on the track. The night run was very quiet and that may have been because it really was not dark! Something to ponder about for next year. The boat boys had a good display on the pond and we look forward to a number of new yachts arriving soon to do some match racing. I am sure everyone had a good time, with 70 members and partners turning up for the BBQ tea on the Saturday evening. Thanks to Kinetics for making their BBQ trailer available, - it made the cooks' job so much easier. Also thanks to the members who assisted with all the lunches, and to the younger members who stayed over and set up in the mornings, - a great help.

Thanks to everyone who helped out over the weekend!

*What a great hobby we all have!!*

### Dates to remember:

**Club picnic** 1 January 2018.  
BYO and we can set up the BBQ.

Starts any time, play trains, eat, drink and chat, bring friends and family! Everyone is welcome.

We are closed for public running from Sunday 17 December, being the last run day, and we will officially start again on Sunday 21 January, 2018.

As members, you can run any time throughout the holidays. If you are intending to run on the main track please inform the loco foreman, Dave Campbell Ph 326 5585 or a committee member, and please fill out all paperwork prior to running.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year in 2018

Keep on Training

John Howie  
President



Neale Craighead, chef extraordinaire

## Subs Reminder for those still non-financial

### 2017/2018

Town	\$100/ \$45*
Associate	\$70/ \$30*
Retired	\$100/ \$35*
Junior	\$25/ \$15*
Family	\$105/ \$50*

\* Discounted rate only if paid by

### Awards Night

(which was 3 October 2017)

Westpac 031703 0032 951 00

or

CSMEE, PO Box 37307, Chch.8245

## CSMEE Committee Meeting

Tuesday, 24 October 2017

### REPORTS

#### LOCO FOREMAN

Dave Campbell noted a lost running day on 8 October and an additional run day for handicapped children on 12 October.

Dave reported the trackbed had now dried out in most areas.

Mowing of the site by contractors is not being completed satisfactorily. John Hamilton will speak to CCC.

Dave also noted some petty vandalism on one of the tunnel gate locks.

#### MEANZ

Rob Wilson reported that the MEANZ Executive were invited (at last) to participate in discussions with MBIE and WorkSafe NZ regarding the updating of the Amusement Device Regulations. They provided an Australian 563 page document as an example of closer ties between NZ and Australia. However, on perusal it was observed that the document expressly excluded miniature model railways and was of no use. The MEANZ President and the N.I. MEANZ representative will attend the next meeting to be held in Auckland.

#### COMMODORE

The pond is to be sprayed on Wednesday 25 October

#### CLERK OF WORKS

John Hamilton requested the committee to approve the purchase of some replacement wheels for the ride-on wagons, as some were showing signs of wear. The purchase of 20 wheels was approved.

#### MEMBERSHIP

Dave Holland reported that club membership stands at 192. Of these, 28 have been in arrears for over 18 months. Dave asked whether (according to the club Constitution)

these people should have their membership terminated. There were also 35 members who are not currently financial. Dave said the new membership cards are now printed and reminded all of the deletion of many email servers.

### GENERAL BUSINESS

**Show weekend food trucks.** John Howie is to deal with any enquiries from other vendors.

**Security Camera.** It was agreed that the camera be retained until further discussion decides its fate.

**Big Little Train Show feedback.** Russell Gifford described the exhibition as “adequate” but would have liked more models and exhibits. After discussion it was determined that more effort is required to have all arrangements in place well before the show.

**Charity Month.** October is the “charity” month and the committee decided again to donate to the Rescue Helicopter Trust.

**Schools Prize.** Russell reported that he had obtained a micrometer from Scott Machinery and had presented it to the winning student at Boys’ High. Secretary to send letter of appreciation to Scotts.

**Update of Club History.** The latest version from John Pattinson has been distributed for comment.

#### Other Business:

Graeme Chisnall invited members to his place for traction-engine running this Saturday, 28 October.

Russell asked for advice regarding the supply of replacement valves for the air system on the “small motor” display stand.

Graeme Chisnall asked whether the club should be canvassed for support for hosting the 2022 National Convention.

## CSMEE Committee Meeting

Tuesday, 28 November 2017

### MATTERS ARISING

20 new ride-on wagon wheels are now **not** to be ordered, as Peter Grounds is to re-machine existing wheels.

#### LOCO FOREMAN

Dave Campbell tabled his report, which included comments regarding a complete month’s running, resolution of mowing issues, and the Otago ME Society’s hosting of an LBSC rally. He also mentioned the Nelson club’s request for some of our ride cars for the Convention.

#### MEANZ

Rob Wilson announced the dates and times for the two MEANZ meetings at the Convention. The club nominated Graeme Chisnall as the club representative. He also reported on President Richard Lockett’s successful presentation to the WorkSafe NZ ADR review meeting.

#### COMMODORE

Robin Shand reported no major mishaps on the pond. Another batch of the Americas Cup hulls has arrived and these have been distributed. The new weir appears to be successful and the pond is 50mm deeper than in the past. Weed spraying appears to be effective.

#### LIBRARIAN

Dave reported that all current magazines are in the library.

2017 magazines will be removed in late December for binding.

*Marine Modelling*, the intended replacement magazine for *Ships in Scale*, is no longer published.

2 DVDs donated by Ben Sewell.

2 DVDs from Japan.

New book expected next month on *50 years of Shinkansen*.



## SAFETY

The committee decided to get Neale Craighead to investigate/ purchase a new camera and screen for the ICE Train.

## PARTIES

John Crampton outlined the busy approaching party season.

## PUBLICITY

Russell Gifford reported that, in spite of no additional media advertising for Show Weekend, numbers were at an all-time record.

## GENERAL BUSINESS

**Show weekend food trucks.** The CCC has said no food trucks are to be allowed in the domain.

**Security Camera.** “Tim” (supplier) to be invited to the next CSMEET Committee meeting to discuss options.

**Charity Month.** Meeting agreed donations of \$1000 to Helicopter Trust and \$1000 to St John (local).

**School prizes.** Russell outlined criteria for school award.

**Club History.** 100 copies to be printed, following approval of sample.

**Day Manager Commitment.** The problem of rostered day-managers not turning up or finding replacements, was discussed.



Heading for a Show-Weekend reunion.....

## If a Job's Worth Doing...

Russell Gifford

Max told me this the other day.

Max (not his real name) is a retired “Woodie.” Well more than a Woodie actually. He was Head of the Technical Department in a large Christchurch school and for a couple of years was School Cert. Examiner for Tech. Drawing.

Max decided to build his retirement home in a small town not far from Christchurch. He decided to manage the project himself and signed up with a building company.

The first row erupted over the absence of any polystyrene positioned in the slab before the pour. It was all there on the drawings and in the specs. Max happened to be on site and was able to redirect the concrete truck back to the depot until the whole thing was sorted.

The project moved on. Max observed a “chippy” endeavouring to cut a notch out of the framing. Max was not certain if there was actually a cutting edge on his chisel at all. Max offered the man his chisel.

“S—t!” was the amazed response. Max offered to sharpen the man’s chisel. “Can you do that?” “Well, what do you do?” asked Max. “Pop into Bunnings and buy a new one.”

We move on. A short length of batten had to be cut to length. Well, the man had to walk some 150 metres back to the pickup because that’s where the drop saw was.

Back to the job.

“Bugger, too short!”

Back to the drop saw again.

Max was near explosion level by now.

“Why don’t you just cut it off with your hand saw

“Haven’t got one.”

It got to the stage where Max could feel a heart attack coming on.

“Ok guys, that’s it. We will sign off now and I will finish the job on my own”.

And he did. Max knows what he is on about.

There are so many questions.

- What sort of training had the carpenter had?
- How long had he been a ‘Qualified Carpenter’?

Back to Max. There are very few Maxes left in our secondary schools. It has not been possible to train to be one for a decade. There is the likelihood that schools will have to close their workshops.

In Max’s time, kids in woodwork classes would have known that you can cut a batten with a hand saw and would very likely know how you go about sharpening a chisel.

## Whatever became of.....

## John Beauchamp?

[The following excerpts are taken from an article in a magazine published by The Masonic Villages trust, & reproduced with their kind permission.]

At Woburn Apartments, Lower Hutt, a men's shed is an integral part of the Masonic Viillage. In Masterton, several residents of the Wairarapa Masonic Village are members of the Henley Men's Shed, where members have designed and built special letter boxes for Village residents....The letter boxes are among several community projects the Shed is involved in, but the real benefits of men's sheds lie in the health benefits of comradeship and company, according to the *Shed* magazine.

"On retirement it is common for men to become lonely and feel they are lacking in purpose. Many members and their partners have seen an overall improvement in their health and outlook (as a result of participation)" the magazine says.

Woburn Apartments resident, John Beauchamp says it was the men's shed that sold him on the Apartments. "That - the boutique scale of the development - and my north-facing apartment with



Woburn Apartments resident John Beauchamp works on a scale model of an 18-foot classic steam boat in the men's shed at Woburn Masonic Village

all-day sun"

It's thanks to Beauchamp that the Woburn Apartments men's shed is very well equipped. About 90% of the gear is his, with the Apartments providing a drill press and small tools as required.

"Personally it is great to be able to assist other residents with the maintenance of their personal possessions. Also, I can make the minor repairs or do the refurbishment needed to turn spare furniture into a saleable item for the

Red Cross," he says.

Throughout his career as an officer in the Royal Navy, Beauchamp's hobbies were model engineering and wood turning. Retirement has enabled him to devote more time to these hobbies, including model steam engines. This in turn led him to build a scale model of an 18-foot classic steam boat, which he has worked on in the Woburn Apartments men's shed.

## From the Dockside

### Ex-Commodore's Report, Christmas edition

Since the Commodore is a bit busy it's up to me to write something amazing, possibly even factual.

Well, what a year it has been! I have seen some great battles on the pond between our usual members, and some great tussles between non boat members. I have seen Keith float his boat on

many an occasion and never get tired of seeing it gracefully sail around the pond. David Pringle has brought more first class boats to take their maiden voyages than I have had cups of tea, and since I drink mostly coffee that's a few! Dave seems to favour making his boats from scaled-up plans. I have seen new members bring boats down and have them closely inspected by the locals so as to make sure their first sail is a success.

I have even seen Malcolm's boat

stick its pointy member into other members' rears.....and sail away as if nothing has happened..... more than I can say for the receiving members!

A great sight was the refurbishment of the North Sea Trawler "Portia." When I first joined the mighty Nautical Division of the CSME I had no boat to sail. Fortunately, I inherited a trawler and proceeded to use it most Sundays. My father joined a few years back and was in the same position as me, and



so the trawler was handed down. This year my father decided it was time to “spruce the old girl up” and the hull was sanded back, primed and painted. The upper hull received new paint and a bulwark on the bow. Some derricks were made up and installed, and finally some crew were added. The last thing to add now are the company flags on the funnel sides, after which she is ready to be presented to the world. I have included pictures of her in her the current state, and no doubt she will be seen floating on the pond early next year.

As I said its been quite a year, and we now have a new commodore, Mr. Robin Shand. With him at the helm we are in very safe hands and can expect some “big” things from him in the near future..... much to Malcolm’s delight. So, I end this somewhat tiresome ramble, on a quote from a famous comedy duo.....

“ .....its goodnight from me, and its goodnight from him. Goodnight!”

Andrew Gorman



North Sea Trawler *Portia*





# The Americas Cup 2018

The boating section are planning to hold an Americas Cup-style race at Halswell sometime in mid-2018. The exact date has yet to be determined, the governing factor being the time taken by the 14 or so members to complete their boats

In order to ensure a level playing field (or should that be 'a smooth sailing course?'), entrants are required to build a specific model, - a "Starlet", to the design of Vic Smee. Fibreglass hulls, lead keel weights and sails are available for purchase, and so far ten sets have been obtained, and the building process started. At least four other sets are to be bought. Although all cabins will be built to the same design, the remaining superstructure is up to the individual.

The photos show Dave Pringle's entry, *Miss Eva*, on its maiden voyage. On this occasion, she was sporting a set of semi-gaff rigged sails. These will be replaced by the standard white sails for the competition. Apparently, *Miss Eva* acquitted herself well on her first outing.



# CSMEE Officers for 2017-18

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Peter Grounds	343 1443

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