



## CLUB CONTACTS:

### Club Patron:

Mr Keith Whiteley

### President:

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### Vice President:

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### Treasurer:

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### Loco Foreman:

Rob Wilson – 9604305

### Commodore:

Dean Farrow - 3396319

## Loco Foreman's Report:

There have been some very busy March Sundays. Thanks to the Wednesday work team for their efforts in the wooded area and to Robin Shand and Alan Barlow for the signals. Thanks also to Ian Fanshawe for his planning on new points and low level traverser.

Drivers are responsible for the assembly and checking of the wagons for their train (safety chains, hoses).

All members who have sat their driving test and have not yet received their licence please let me know.

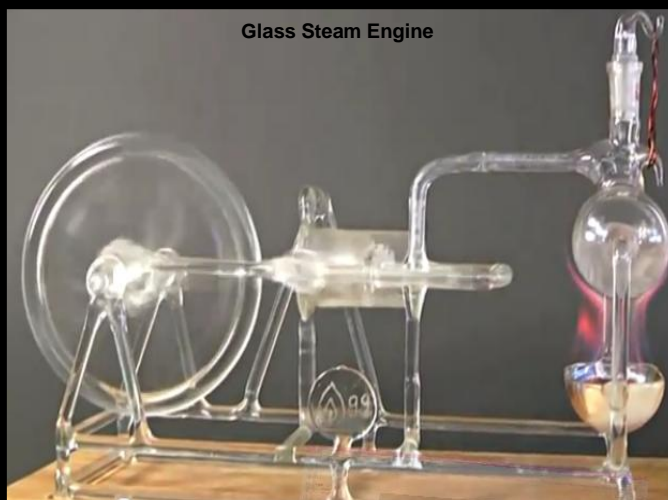
## Glass Steam Engine

The photo below shows a model of Stephenson's Steam Engine.

It was made in 2008 by glassblower Michal Zahradnik completely out of glass. It uses purely glass on glass fits with no sealants used.

To view a video of this device see:

<http://redux.com/stream/item/2134517/Working-Model-of-Stephenson-s-STEAM-ENGINE-made-of-GLASS-Rare>



Glass Steam Engine

## From the President's desk:

April Fool's Day came and went without a hitch.

Sadly, Don Miles passed away early in March. He was our oldest member, joining in the mid-fifties. His contribution at Andrews Crescent was considerable and he cut the cake at our last Canmod event. Don's estate has donated a silver plate to the club which will be used as a trophy at the annual Awards night.

March has been a great month for us! The weather was kind and run days have been well attended by the hundreds of people who enjoyed the facilities we offer at Halswell. It is a great place picnic place for families who also the trains and atmosphere. I don't think there is anywhere else in Christchurch you can go for \$2.00 a ride! Thanks to all members who give up their time to make it all happen.

The veranda supports have arrived on site and ready to be erected in May with a posthole digger to do the hard bit! We have a community group are interested in Andrews Crescent, keep you posted! The Wednesday team will continue as there is always something to do. We are getting ready to install the new kitchen and will order the Formica top shortly. Dean and I rowed out and placed new buoys on the pond, so there is no longer an excuse to say there is nothing to sail around! It would be great to see some model yachts having a race.

It has been suggested that we phase out the midweek parties. The committee feels that this is taking too much effort and it is hard on our members, who are already giving up time in other areas such as the Wednesday team, maintenance work and Sunday run days. Our thanks go to Dallington BP for fuel vouchers.

**Reminder:** at our next General Meeting Graeme Chisnall will be our speaker. He will be talking about Canmod 2, 2014. All welcome and bring your partners! We need your input to make this a successful event. Supper will be provided.

## April 2012 Edition

## From the March Committee Meeting:

**MATTERS ARISING:** Small tools, a drill press and a 150A Welder, ex Alan Orwin's Workshop, remain to be sold at a forthcoming General Meeting. 10 folding chairs have been sold on Trade Me

**MEANZ:** Congratulations to Jock Miller, Peter Anderson and John Romanes who have been appointed as Auditors.

**HALSWELL GLT:** Promises of trolley advertising have not eventuated, members are asked to suggest possible new advertisers. Thanks to Graeme and the team for completing the veranda posts. A quote for post hole digging has been received and veranda construction will commence in May. The Wednesday team is to take two weeks break, their attendance has varied between eight and 15. The bark "wall" will be reworked to provide a smoother surface. The water softener awaits installation.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Welcome to new member, Wayne Hoggood.

**WEBSITE:** John has updated the "Feature Model" and some of the Halswell site 'facts and figures.'

**GENERAL BUSINESS:** The committee was saddened to hear of the death of Don Miles. He was an enthusiastic contributor to CSMEE since the mid-fifties. Mike James reported a donation, in the form of fuel vouchers, from Dallington BP. Patrick Whillis was commended for his policy of confirming comments before adding them onto Facebook. Public car parking can obstruct the view of the signalman endeavouring to sight incoming trains. There is considerable overgrowth and rubble which limits parking space. There is a need for additional speed and whistle signs. Two new bollards are needed near the "trees" route to the 'pond side' parking area. Jim Rosanowski (via Supplied Report) listed a number of "non-rolling stock" items of equipment that need regular inspection and servicing. Jim will supply maintenance check sheets on request. It was decided not to extend Easter activities beyond the normal Sunday run time.

**CANMOD 2014:** The dates coincide with the National Scout Jamboree. The availability of a large marquee becomes more problematic as does the local Scouts 'catering trailer.' A Service Club may be able to assist.



# DOCK SIDE



## Commodore's Corner

Boating people are reminded to be vigilant when crossing the two railway tracks while entering the pond area. I have cut back vegetation to improve visibility.

A trial back-filling behind the pond edging has been done using the emptied 10 kilogram coal bags filled with gravel. They are then being topped with soil.

The Antique, Bottles and Collectables Club display will be on Sunday 15 April. This is being held at 67 Mandeville Street Riccarton. Set up is before 10am.



Malcolm's Boat Looking for the Other Half



Interesting Chinese Ferry

## Members Run Day Easter Monday

It has been decided that there will be no extra run days for the public during Easter Weekend.

However, members are welcome to bring their family and friends to our members run day, Easter Monday, between 11am and 3pm.

Feel free to bring a picnic lunch, the barbeque will be available.

## WHITE LADY



### Pleasure Launch

Plank on Frame - Fibreglass Hull  
Plywood Super Structure  
Length 142cm (56"), Beam 41cm (16")  
Twin 6 Volt Motors, Spare Batteries & Charger  
Radio Control Unit with Nicad Batteries & Charger

**\$800**

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## REMINDER: SUBS

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Subs	Full Price	Discount
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Associate	\$ 70.00	\$60.00
Retired	\$ 100.00	\$70.00
Junior	\$ 25.00	\$25.00
Family	\$105.00	\$95.00

Subs can be paid **online**:  
Westpac 031703:0032951=00.

**Cheque:**

CSMEE PO Box 33294  
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Year Ending 31/3/2013

## Rostering

Thanks George for the ring round roster reminder.

If you are booked for the day please make sure you are there at Middyday for a 1pm start.

It takes that long to set up to start running.

As you know we always run on time just like the big trains do!

## EMILY JANE



### Scale Herring Drifter

Fibreglass Hulled  
6 volt Battery Powered  
Length 84cm (33"), Beam 15cm (6")  
Complete with Radio Control & Batteries  
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**\$500**

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**Meeting Nights**  
Meetings are on Tuesdays, 7.30pm, at the clubrooms in Andrews Crescent.

1st Tuesday: General Meeting, guest speaker

2nd Tuesday: Boat meeting

3rd Tuesday: Nod and Natter night

4th Tuesday: Committee Meeting

Most Saturdays are working party days at Halswell.

Ring John Hamilton 338 2497

**Work Days:** Wednesdays 9am – 1pm

## Upcoming Events

**9<sup>th</sup> April –**  
Members Run  
11am – 3pm

**15<sup>th</sup> April –**  
Christchurch Antique Bottle and  
Collectables Display