

Yearly Report from the All Things Ransome Chairman

For the period from the 2016 Annual General Meeting to the 2017 Meeting (10 months)

I The All Things Ransome Website new content and format

The period since the last AGM has been very slow in terms of both content offered and anything accomplished.

- Rob Boden's article and images about the restoration of The Dogs Home was posted to the Locations section linked from the Dogs Home page.
- A cartoon, First Drafts: Arthur Ransome, was added to the Media Vault courtesy of Julie Jones.
- A review of Julian Lovelock's "Swallows, Amazons and Coots" was added to the Ransome Readers Recommend and the Literary Pages Reviews section.
- A map of Crab Island from Petr Krist in Czech was added to the maps section.
- Alan Hakim took over the Mixed Moss indices from Peter Hyland who was no longer able to prepare them. The latest version incorporating the 2016 MM has been published.
- Links to two AR-related videos were posted in the Media Vault section, plus a link to the entire 1974 film of Swallows & Amazons.
- Short-term Pending: an article from Marilyn Seele first printed in SFT/NPN (the North America TARS newsletter) with images of correspondence with Helene Carter.

II TarBoard

- Encountered some spam problems in 2Q2016 which Woll effectively blocked.
- Periodic problem with logging into TarBoard backup server; seems corrected

III Administrative

- All Directors and Officers were re-elected for the 2015-2018 period on the 2015 IAGM call.
- No appeal was held in 2016.
- I don't believe we have done much to enhance the disaster recovery documents posted to the internal area of the website.
- The All Things Ransome Directors and Officers remain unchanged:
 - Chairman Dave Thewlis
 - Vice Chairman Owen Roberts
 - Secretary Andrew Goltz
 - Treasurer Woll Newall
 - Chief Operations Officer Adam Quinan

IV 2017-2018 Prospectus (revised following 2017 IAGM)

As recorded in the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Actions

- Completion of revised “Locations” pages (Dave)
- Create Google Map of all practical locations; potential to crowdsource in future (Adam)
- * Page of webcams in Ransome locations (Dave)
- * Edit of Ed Kiser’s assessment of Beckfoot layout, and related items (Andrew)
- Pilot project (Sailing) for conversion of HTML documents to device-independent e-publication format [Andrew]
- New TarBoard [Woll]

Wish List

- Postcards article [Owen]
- Possible "Ransome Roaming" or some such name compilation of resources for those who want to visit Ransome-related (Andrew essay on Naze)

Administrative

- Develop list of potential candidates for ATR Director [all]
- Succession Planning [Andrew]
- Disaster Recovery - review and comment on “what I do” pages
- Identify additional people to do mission critical duties