

## **Yearly Report from the All Things Ransome Chairman**

For the period from the 2021 Annual General Meeting to the 2022 Meeting

### **I Chairman's Remarks: Looking Forward**

*This report is substantially repeated from last year's Chairmans Remarks, as things remain pretty much unchanged.*

We have not seen any significant volunteering of material for All Things Ransome, although we have found a few things. This is probably going to be the situation going forward, which means ATR itself will perhaps mostly be a "custodian" and only infrequently acquire new material. I don't see this as a problem, but a reflection of things Ransome overall.

The other concern we need to start addressing seriously is participation in ATR. None of us are growing younger. This is particularly important in the case of the ATR website (which I deal with) and TarBoard (which Woll and to some degree Adam deal with).

### **II The All Things Ransome Website new content and format**

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

- The online indices to Mixed Moss were updated through 2021.
- There was some confusion about a parallel effort in TARS to create an online index to Mixed Moss and how or if it relates to the indices Peter Hyland and more recently Alan Hakim have created. Alan has continued to publish the online index on ATR.
- We were unable to find any source to grant permission to publish "The Old Eel that Come Up through Breydon Water - Arthur Ransome's Work as a Key to Folklife and Fold Speech", by Dr. J.B. Smith, which was published in Lore and Language in July of 1989. We published it on ATR noting that our efforts to get formal permission were not successful.

### **III TarBoard**

Activity continues to be sporadic but it remains a useful tool and well-liked by its users.

### **IV Administrative**

- Mike Field was appointed Director at Large to fill the vacancy left by the demise of Owen Roberts. Adam Quinan became Vice Chairman in addition to Chief Operating Manager.
- We appear to have sufficient funds for 2022 but will definitely need a funds drive this year to meet costs early in 2023.

- The All Things Ransome Directors and Officers are:
  - Chairman                      Dave Thewlis
  - Vice Chairman and Chief Operations Manager      Adam Quinn
  - Secretary                      Andrew Goltz
  - Treasurer                      Woll Newall
  - Director at large              Mike Field

## **V      Action Items and Future Prospectus from last year**

### Previous Actions

- Create Google Map of all practical locations - potential to crowdsource in future (Adam)
- Edit of Ed Kiser's assessment of Beckfoot layout and related items (Andrew)
- New TarBoard (Woll)

### Wish List

- Possible "Ransome Roaming" or some such compilation of resources for those who want to visit Ransome-related places (Andrew essay on Naze; "sandbox")

### Administrative

- Dave Thewlis has indicated his desire to step down from the position of Chairman, although he will continue to serve on the Board if desired. The Secretary has called out a number of potential issues to be discussed in this meeting, such as the location of our bank.
- Develop list of potential candidates for ATR Director and circulate (Adam)
- Succession Planning and Disaster Recovery (Andrew)
- Identify additional people to do mission critical duties as backups (all)