

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

For the period from the 2015 Annual General Meeting to the 2016 Meeting

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

- Peter Creosole's review of *The Last Englishman* was posted in the Ransome Readers Recommend section and linked from the Literary Pages "reviews" subsection.
- Harold Dobinson's 1939 reply card from AR responding to questions about Lake District locations was added to the Connections section.
- Mike Field's narrative about his boat *Aileen Louise* has been updated; the page is in the Boats and Dinghies section, in "The Boats of Swallows and Amazons".
- A page about the Ransome Room at the Museum of Lakeland Life & Industry at Abbott Hall, Kendal, has been added to the Locations section.
- Rob Boden's article on the restoration of The Dog's Home has been received but has not yet been published

### **II     TarBoard**

- Serious problem with TarBoard near the end of May 2015 which was resolved fairly quickly.
- An issue with a post from a TarBoard user with a very uncomfortable title was resolved by changing the title of the thread and explaining to the poster why we'd done it.
- Content maintained and trimmed to archives periodically

### **III    Administrative**

- All Directors and Officers were re-elected for the 2015-2018 period on the last IAGM call in April 2015.
- 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      2016-2017 Prospectus (as revised during 2016 IAGM)**

### **Actions**

- Completion of revised “Locations” pages
- Add geolocation data to all practical locations
- Publish Rob Boden’s article on The Dog’s Home restoration
- \* Page of webcams in Ransome locations
- \* Andrew’s edit of Ed Kiser’s assessment of Beckfoot layout, and related items.
- New TarBoard [WolI]

### **Wish List**

- Postcards article [Owen]
- Pilot project (Sailing) for conversion of HTML documents to device-independent e-publication format [Andrew]
- Possible "Ransome Roaming" or some such name compilation of resources for those who want to visit Ransome-related

### **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 per 6.3 of minutes