

Yearly Report from the All Things Ransome Chairman

For the period from the 2019 Annual General Meeting to the 2020 Meeting (11 months)

I Chairman's Remarks: Looking Forward

I'm sorry to report that Owen Roberts, our Vice Chair, passed away on September 9th.

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, and we have lost one Director. 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 home page links were cleaned up. We removed invalid links but left links to old items such as dormant blogs where the content was of interest.
- We added a link from the TarBoard header to the section of the ATR home page listing other resources..
- An interactive map game, Understanding Maps 2 from Petr Krist, was added.
- The online indices to Mixed Moss were updated through 2019.
- We have been attempting to get permission to publish an article "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. So far our attempts to reach Professor Smith have not been successful.
- We received a substantial contribution from Cathie Lamont to the Trivia section of the Literary Pages having to do with Ransome's Australia references. Adam was instrumental in reformulating the section to include her material.

III TarBoard

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

IV Administrative

- Owen Roberts, our Vice Chairman, passed away on September 9th. We have not tried to replace him on the Board so far.

- The domain registration for tarboard.net was held by Owen via Pickaweb; Woll was negotiating a transfer of ownership, We might want to move the registration to NameCheap where our registrations for the AI IThings Ransome reside.
- No appeal was held in 2019. We will need one in 2020.
- The All Things Ransome Directors and Officers are:
 - Chairman Dave Thewlis
 - Vice Chairman Vacant
 - Secretary Andrew Goltz
 - Treasurer Woll Newall
 - Chief Operations Officer Adam Quinan

V Action Items and Future Prospectus from last year

These have not been updated from last year's report.

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

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

Administrative

- Develop list of potential candidates for ATR Director and circulate (Adam)
- Succession Planning and Disaster Recovery (Andrew)
- Identify additional people (Director candidates?) to do mission critical duties as backups (all)