

Tewkesbury Fair Society

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2006

Dear Member.

Welcome to newsletter No. 19.

Firstly I should like to congratulate our President Cllr. Peter Aldridge on his appointment as Tewkesbury Town Mayor for the coming year. We send him our best wishes for a happy and successful year in office.

Since our last newsletter we have again been busy on the Mop promotion front at all of the events that we have attended. During the years that the society has been formed the committee has been spreading the gospel of Tewkesbury Fair Society up and down the country. This has paid dividends because now the society is well known and recognized all over. In that time we have made many new friends and gained some very useful contacts.

The first event attended following the last newsletter was the Model Steam Road Vehicle Society's rally at the Rugby Club, where on the Saturday evening we successfully retained the skittles trophy we won the previous year in the annual challenge to the members of the M.S.R.V.S.

We again had our striker at the Hospital Fete in August, although it looks now as if it has been a few times too many, and is in need of some maintenance before we can use it this year.

Our Model Show was again a great success and many thanks go to our sponsors Cotteswold Dairy for helping to make the show possible. The same venue has been booked again for this year, and we hope to have the ex-Brewers Dobie set out front giving rides for the children in aid of Tewkesbury Hospital League of Friends.

The Showmen's social evening at the Berkeley Arms went down a storm thanks to a bit of slide projector trouble, which all added to the fun of the evening. We also had a successful and trouble free Mop, my thanks to all members who visited our stand to renew subs or just for a chat.

More recently we presented a cheque to the Hospital league of Friends this being the proceeds of our Mop Fair collections.

Only last month we had a very pleasant social evening at the Methodist Hall showing slides of the Mop Fair over the years, and of local railways. This year Mop Fair 2006 will be the 60th year of attendance

for the firm of Bob Wilson & Sons, who first attended in 1946. We are to feature this illustrious firm in our photo displays during the Mop.

Finally may I thank all committee members for their hard work; help and assistance this passed year....Please take note of the forthcoming events list at the end of this newsletter and add them to your diary.

Dave Fellows, Chairman.



Tewkesbury Museum Models



FERRIS WHEEL DURING RETORATION

The restoration of the fairground models in Tewkesbury Museum has started, with the Ferris wheel being the first to receive attention. A new baseboard to make it easier to move around, motor, and bulbs, have been obtained, fencing made and some repainting carried out. If all goes well it should be working in the spring.

Eventually we hope to get more of the models working so that visitors can see and feel the fair coming alive.

Donations to the cost of restoration would be very much appreciated, if you can help. Please contact the society leave a donation at the museum.

Hospital Fete 2005

As last year we were able to use the half size striker built by society member Dave Kennison. We had lots of people to try their luck. For the non energetic of us we also had a roll up, very kindly lent to us be society member George Gregory. Both proved to be very popular and are hoping to bring them to this year's fete, so if you want to try your luck and show off your skill we shall be there.

CLAIRE WRIGHT TOWN MAYOR TRYING THE STRIKER >



Remembrance Service 2005

This year was very special as **** Matthew Fellows, wearing his grandfather's medals laid the wreath on behalf of the society. Afterwards a number of servicemen commented how smart he looked.

< STEVE PERRY - MATHEW FELLOWS - DAVE FELLOWS



Long Eaton Model Show 2005

In November we took our annual journey to Long Eaton's model show, organized by Ian and Haley Johnson in the Town Hall.

This must now be the biggest fairground model show in the country, and is worth seeing. At this years show committee members John Jennings won the best 1/50th model cup and Micheal Jones won a cup for best modern ride. Also congratulations to club member Dan Cox who won an award for best young modeller.



ONE OF JOHN JENNINGS AWARD WINNING MODELS



DAN COX AND HIS K'NEX MODELS

Donation To Hospital League of Friends

Early in January this year members of the committee and Mr. J. Lock Snr. presented the Hospital League of Friends with a cheque for £325.00, this was collected during the Mop Fair and will be used in the refurbishment in the Avon Ward at the hospital.

> Dave Fellows, Paul Sinnott (Hospital League of Friends) & John Lock Snr.



Fairground Social At Churchdown

In January committee member Mike Willis and society member Bill Lane organized a model show at Churchdown Community centre in aid of the Fairground Heritage trust. The show was a great success with many fine models in attendance. A slide presentation by the Sheffield Fairground Archive was very popular. As the show was so successful, they have decided to have another show on 20th January 2007.



EVENTS DIARY 2006

Wednesday 21st June - Fair Society A.G.M. at Berkeley Arms, Church Street, Tewkesbury
7.30pm start.

Saturday 7th October - T.F.S. Model Show at Methodist Church Hall, The Cross, Tewkesbury
10.00am to 4.30pm

Sunday 8th October - Showman's Social at Berkeley Arms, Church Street, Tewkesbury 7.30pm
start.

Monday 9th & Tuesday 10th October - Tewkesbury Mop Fair

DURING THE YEAR WE SHALL BE AT THE FOLLOWING VENUES:

24th and 25th June - M.S.R.V.S. Steam Rally, Tewkesbury Rugby Club.

28th to 30th July - Welland Steam Rally

26th August – Tewkesbury Hospital Fete

24th September - Dingles Steam Village (Fairground Heritage Trust) - Fairground Weekend

18th November - Long Eaton Model Show

We Hope To See You There!

Useful Website Links:

Tewkesbury Fair Society: www.tewkesburyfairsociety.co.uk

Fairground Heritage Trust: www.fairground-heritage.co.uk

