

Yearly Report from the All Things Ransome Chairman

For the period from the 2020 Annual General Meeting to the 2021 Meeting

I Chairman's Remarks: Looking Forward

This report is substantially repeated from last year's Chairmans Remarks, as things remain pretty uch 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 2020.
- There is 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 creaeated. As far as we know Alan will continue with his updating of the indices each iear.
- We have attempted 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. Our attempts to reach Professor Smith were not been successful and we were unable to find an alternative.

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.

- The domain registration for tarboard.net was moved to our account at NameCheap where our registrations for the All Things Ransome reside.
- We will need one in 2021 to meet costs early in 2022.
- 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

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 to do mission critical duties as backups (all)