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Editorial – The Mill Square Xmas lights event on Sunday 25th November last year again provided welcome passenger numbers. We also enjoyed getting together for Christmas Lunch in the tavern on 12 Dec 2018, a first in some years. This event was sadly followed by the passing of Fred McQuail the Treasurer and a member for many years – his dry humour is much missed, and condolences were extended to Barbara and his family. Discussions took place with the Marsh Mill Windmill management about staging a small display in Spring 2019. The Mill staff agreed to make space available in the Mill on Easter Sunday when some of our models and work in progress were displayed, a report and picture is included below.

Diary of Events - FyldeSME members are urged to support running days at Thornton throughout the year when weather permits (if in doubt phone our Secretary on the number above between 1230 and 1300 on the day)

- Sunday afternoons & Bank Holidays between 1330 and 1600 hrs
 - Wednesday afternoons maintenance work 1330 onwards.
- Please refer to website (fyldesme.co.uk) for latest events and timings.
- Thornton Gala Day – Sun 9 Jun 19 (1000 onwards)
 - Southport MEC open weekend – Sat/Sun 29/30 Jun 19
 - NAME Rally – Oswestry Showground – Sat/Sun 10/11 Aug 19
 - Marsh Mill 225th birthday – Sat/Sun 19 Oct 19

From Train to Plane with Mark



Instructor congratulates Mark (rt) on his first solo flight (20 Nov 2018) (Mark was FyldeSME member and loco driver until 2018, he subsequently gained his Private Pilots Licence on 23 Feb 2019)

Exhibition in Marsh Mill – On a gloriously sunny Easter Sunday we managed to stage both a small exhibition in Marsh Mill and achieve a very good return by running trains with the club loco simultaneously. The Easter entertainment events in the Mill Square proved popular and helped swell passenger numbers at the track.

Our display on the ground floor (originally misspelled 'flour') of the Mill was well attended by many interested viewers, several then taking rides on our trains nearby. Pictures of our display are in the gallery below. Our thanks were passed to Alex Holt and the Windmill volunteers who were welcoming and provided friendly hospitality for the occasion. I was particularly grateful for help from Phil, Ron and David who provided exhibits and helped stage them. Unfortunately, Phil was taken poorly in the afternoon and treated for gall stones, thankfully he has since made a strong recovery and quickly back in action!!

Gallery



Two views of our Easter Sunday display in Marsh Mill



Ron's B16 cutting a fine display on stand at Warley in 2018!!

FyldeSME Website (fyldesme.co.uk) - Our website is approaching 15000 viewings since 2012, members are encouraged to visit the pages regularly for latest information, pictures and diary events. Since closing our Facebook account our diary events and activities have been teamed up with the Marsh Mill Shopping Village Facebook account at: <https://www.facebook.com/MarshMillThorntonFY54JZ>

In the Editor's absence pictures and details of local interest can be passed to Linda Adams at La Shack in Marsh Mill Square for publication.

Boiler & Steam Tests - Members are reminded to book boiler hydraulic and loco steam tests with Ron - arranging a date well in advance!

Next Newsletter - Please ensure that your articles, adverts, pictures or other items of interest are forwarded to the Editor in good time before publication of the next Newsletter.

For Sale – Ian Cherry of Thornton Cleveleys has the following reasonably priced items for sale:

Axminster bench drill as new, **Hobymat** 3-inch bench type small lathe – little used, **Sievert** blow torch and propane cylinder. For further

information please contact Ian on 01253 852897 or email him:
iancherry@live.co.uk.

For Sale - Please note that Barbara has asked us to clear tools and machinery as described/illustrated below from the late Fred McQuails' workshop:

Small and large drill presses

Small compressor

Selection of hand tools

Bench grinder

Small drawers with nuts and bolts etc

Two metal bench vices



For further information or to reserve items please write to the Editor using the website contact form (www.fyldesme.co.uk) or speak directly to David Swift.