Chairmans report

Welcome to the 2020 (virtual) AGM

From June 2019 until March 2020 the club was doing well ………..

 Increasing membership

 Gift Aid money came through

 Successful DIDCOT exhibition

Invites to other clubs exhibitions……..

 EAST DOCK @ DIDCOT RAILWAY CENTER in JULY

 EDGECOMBE QUARRY @TRING in SEPTEMBER

 DIDCOT @ DIDCOT in SEPTEMBER

 LEICESTER B.R. @ LOUGHBOUORGH in SEPTEMBER

 ALTON in FEBRUARY ( we WON Best in Show )

 BASINGSTOKE in MARCH

Then COVID-19 struck………

 CANCELLATION of ABRAIL 2020

 CLOSURE of the CLUB

 CANCELLATION of our layouts visiting other exhibitions……….

 EAST DOCK to TRING……DIDCOT to WATFORD…..LEICESTER B.R.to ABRAIL and

 SOUTHAMPTON

 CANCELLATION of DIDCOT 2020

Then the good news……..

 THE CLUB REOPENS (with limits to protect members )

 WE GET A GRANT OF £10000 to cover our losses

WHAT OF THE FUTURE ….spend the money

The back of the entrance portacabin needs repair

With increased membership comes increased use of the Lecture Theatre and the old problem of not enough electrical capacity to run all the oil fired radiators at once. One solution would be to extend the central heating from the gas boiler into the BUNKER ROOM, this will be expensive( we are getting estimates) but would solve our heating problems permanantly and be a provable use of the grant.

Other suggestions have included….A STATIC GRASS applicator …….A LAZER CUTTER……..A 3-D PRINTER

Please tell the committee what you would like.

Finally THANK YOU ALL for continuing to pay your subscription during LOCKDOWN. Many clubs and societies (particularly the ones with annual subscriptions ) are feeling the pinch and may not survive.

STAY WELL and KEEP MODELLING.

ERIC YOUNG ( CHAIRMAN )