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Since our last A.G.M. the scale section have enjoyed two meetings at the homes of Ken Dyer and Arther Lord. I take this opportunity to thank their Good Ladies for the use of their homes and the very welcomed refreshment they provided. It appeared from these meetings that we had everything planned for the year <sup>AHEAD</sup> but we had reckoned without the weather.

We have now had our summer ; I am not sure which half-day it was, but it certainly was <sup>not</sup> on a Sunday morning. We have therefore had little chance of practice since Xmas, and consequently no competitive events for our regatta, I can only hope we put on a slightly better show than ~~last~~ <sup>NEXT</sup> year. Our efforts for the R.N.L.I. collecting box realised £8.03½. this at least was worthwhile.

September decided it was summer at last, and I thought now was our chance for some competitions, unfortunately the excitement went to my head, and I went down with the Shingles; I regret therefore we have arrived at our annual Dinner without a single trophy won or lost.

I have one item of news which may turn to be of the utmost <sup>out</sup> importance to us all. I noticed an article in the New Milton advertiser about a year ago where it was proposed to construct an artificial Lake at Nea Common in Highcliffe for drainage purposes. I have made several enquiries since, but finally decided to write to the Town Clerk as follows:-

I have received following reply,  
Since then I have contacted Mr Mike Winfield a counsellor on the amenities committee and he feels that we stand a very good chance of obtaining a boating lake in the area.

In conclusion may I wish on behalf of us all "BON VOYAGE" to Arthur and Irene Lord for their cruise starting on Sunday. Arthur is into model liners and I bet his real reason for this trip is to get some close up photographs of winches, capstans bollards, etc., no doubt Irene will feature in the photographs so that they appear as holiday snaps.