



**Thomas Brassey Society – Newsletter  
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Oh what a fine mess we find ourselves in! I was in Spain for several weeks and when I came back all hell had let loose! However enough of our present situation so what has been happening since my January newsletter. You recall that we were asking for a Webmaster, and I am pleased to say I received a positive response from one of our members, Phil Pearn from Chester, who said he would undertake this position. The website is already under construction and our “starter for 10” can be viewed on [www.thomasbrasseysociety.org](http://www.thomasbrasseysociety.org). There is still a lot of work to do with this so bear with us. When contacting the society for any reason this can be done online to [tbsoc@hotmail.com](mailto:tbsoc@hotmail.com)

Our last committee meeting was in January and under the present restrictions it has been necessary to suspend any further meetings. However the good news is that we have, at last, been able to set up a bank account thanks to the excellent work of our Treasurer, David Bebb. If you are inspired to make a donation our bank details are as follows:

*Nat West Bank Chester Sort Code 01 – 07 – 02 Account 66481608*

We are sorry to advise that our Fund raising officer, Alan Percy, has found it necessary to stand down due to his severe work load with other interests. We are therefore looking for someone to take on this role and appeal to anyone who feels they could help with this to get in touch.

I would like to say that the work being done by Chester Cathedral to commemorate Brassey’s 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary is progressing well but it is not - due to obvious reasons. My June talk is cancelled and the latest information about the Brassey exhibition and model railway is that this project has been put back.

Lastly, due to some sterling work by Dave Bebb again, we now know that no less than 68 UK Heritage railways were built by Brassey or, as in the case of the East Lancs, maintained by Brassey – and we hope to bring you more on this as time goes on.

Let us hope that this crisis is over soon and life can return to some kind of normality. We hope all of you stay well.

*Peter*

Peter Bolt  
Secretary

*\*Logo picture taken from Wikipedia*