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I need your fairy lights!

Yes that's correct we need to borrow for one day only, those fairy lights that have been gathering dust in your attic since last December for Santa's grotto on Sunday. So come on, do us a favour stick a label on them so we know who they belong to, give them a test and be a good bunch of engineers and drop them down to the engine shed in time for Sunday the 14th please. If you haven't got any we can borrow, then dig deep and buy us some, it will make the little children's faces light up. Especially when they enter the newly created tunnel and stop at Santa Halt. We also need static exhibits that will be placed within the confines of the steaming bays for the public to look at this Sunday, obviously providing the weather isn't being its usual tiresome self. Please bring them down before 10am on the morning of the Christmas special and if your free, lend us a hand, there is plenty to do. My heartfelt thanks to the ladies who have been magnificent in this event, wrapping presents organising mince pies and hot soup for the members, so chaps lets muck in and help out. We can all do our bit by spreading the word and selling it to our friends and families. We want to make our mark and carry around 200 children.

I have had a number of members asking about the decisions and minutes of committee meetings recently and why they are not published in the newsletter. This is quite simply because history dictates that the newsletter is not only sent to around a hundred members but also to the 'engineering type' magazine editors and there have been numerous occasions where extracts from the newsletter have been taken and re-worded by these publications and in some cases this has caused concern. Therefore the minutes of the committee meetings whilst not published in our newsletter are readily available from our secretary Dave Finn, (hope that clears that

one up). Its at this time of the year as the nights seem to be days and vice versa that we all become like little furry animals and hibernate, yes even model engineers. But some have been very busy beavering away on projects all to be revealed in the future. I can let you into a secret that this society will have a loco traverser to be proud of and will be the envy of the south and all in time for the mayor to cut the ribbon on the Little Down Miniature Railway. Did I hear you say 'Mayor Richard?' why yes says I, the Easter break weekend will see the official opening by the worshipful mayor of Bournemouth, now that's a day that's going to take some special organising! When the actual date is confirmed then I will let everyone know but keep it free in your diaries, everyone's going to be busy that's for sure. Don't forget the trip to Wembley in January, there are a few tickets left and also the societies Annual dinner at the Crooked Beam, I think Dick may still have some spare seats, give him a call.

Well that's enough from me I'm off to get the car serviced ready for the annual sojourn to Sinsheim, have a peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year to you allsee you Sunday. ED

Minibus trip Wembley Jan.

2004 Seats selling quick

The seats are selling fast for this trip but if your'e quick there are just a few more seats available. The trip is on 24th January 2004 the cost will be £7.00 per head this does **not** include admission. If you want to go, send your cheques payable to: Richard Harvey at 19 Kings Ave. Christchurch Dorset BH23 1NA. The first 16 cheques received will secure a seat

Diary Dates

14- Dec-03 Santa Special Littledown

17- Dec-03 Christmas Party

20- Dec-03 Luscombe Valley

“Anti Xmas shopping or Humbug day” at Luscombe valley

It is a running day open to Saturday 11.00 am till 4.00pm.

21- Jan- 04 Making A Suit Of Armour By Brian Ball. This is in aid of charity so donations please.

24- Jan- 04 Trip to Wembley

28- Jan-04 Annual Dinner Crooked Beam.

Chairmans Thoughts

We all have something to look forward to; first will be our Father Christmas run on the 14th December. I was disappointed at the poor response given to Richard when he asked for help with this event. It would make his and Brian's job easier if more members could offer help even in a small way. Events need to be organised so we can promote our society and thanks to people like Richard and Brian putting themselves out to do this, we can move forward but they do need our help. To keep the club running we need a certain amount of money, I know this may sound a bit basic but here goes. We have rates, insurance, postage for newsletters and rent to pay before we can do anything. The rent is an unknown factor as the council will be granting hopefully a 21 year lease to us next year but this will be at an unknown cost. To enable the Council to set our new lease they will expect a 5 year plan from us outlining our future plans. One of the major outlays we have to think about is the new engine shed and Station/ platform which we have been given planning permission for. We must remember the existing building is a temporary structure and will have to be replaced. This was all part of the initial lease granted to the society. So back to basics again. The annual subscription from all the members will now not cover all these items so we have no alternative but to carry passengers to top up our funds. We are not running the track as a commercial business but a means to an end i.e. the ability for members to play with their trains or a place to meet other members on a first class track in an excellent setting, ok if we have to carry a few passengers to make ends meet so be it. But the only way to keep the public and the council happy and for the society to be seen as an amenity at Littledown is to put on

well organised events as we did for JP Morgan and be proactive.

Well the other thing to look forward to is our Christmas party at the Muscliff Centre hope to see you all there. May I wish you all a Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.
Dave Martin

This Months Competition

Q1 What size drill would be required to allow you to tap a 4ba thread?

Q2 In what four locations did the Great Northern Railway operate hotels?

Q3 Which train operator recently had to suspend all its main line trains due to metal fatigue?

Q4 Which company produced the majority of Showmens road Locomotives?

Last Months Competition

Q1 2-6-0 Mogul Class

Q2 The first Vacuum cleaner

Q3 G.C.R (Great central railway)

Q4 www.bdsmengineers.co.uk

And Finally

A guy sitting at an airport bar in Atlanta noticed a beautiful woman sitting next to him. He thought to himself, “Wow, she's so gorgeous she must be a flight attendant. But which airline does she work for?” Hoping to pick her up, he leaned towards her and uttered the Delta slogan:

“Love to fly and it shows?”

She gave him a blank, confused stare and he immediately thought to himself, “damn, she doesn't work for Delta”.

A moment later, another slogan popped into his head. He leaned towards her again,

“Something special in the air?” She gave him the same confused look. He mentally kicked himself, and scratched American Airlines off the list.

Next he tried the United slogan: “I would really love to fly your Friendly skies?”

This time the woman turned on him “What the Bloody Hell do you want?” The man smiled, then slumped back in his chair, and said...

“ahhh, Easy Jet”



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