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As the weather draws in, our Sunday running is going to become less and less and it is on this note that an end of season barbeque has been arranged. The event is being combined with a twi-light run, which in years gone by used to be a regular thing. So it is proposed to re-instate this at our new track by the committee and it is expected to be well supported. Talking of twi-light running I recently had a day at Moors Valley railway under the watch full eye and guidance of Ian who put me and another member of the public through our paces, learning how to control, maintain, fire and generally have a good time on a steam loco. This was a present that was bought for me by my family for my birthday way back in June but due to other circumstances I have been unable to participate until late September. This "driver experience" was such a good day that it was twi-light when the loco finally ended up back in its shed having been punished mercilessly all day long but never missed a beat. Despite being seen a possible "busman's holiday" to some I would recommend it, it was £75 well spent.

Last months meeting revealed an interesting talk by Mr Frank Robinson who certainly knows his subject and also Martin Cuff drew the winning key out of the raffle and walked away with £105.00 well done. The idea of mine for the key raffle has raised funds for the club and despite being asked each meeting "how does it work" and having to explain, much to the mirth of everyone, it has proved a success and we start again this month with £20 in the kitty. Since the start of operations at Littledown our membership and general interest in the society has grown and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our recent and rejoining members and hope they have an enjoyable time in one of the friendliest groups I have belonged to, remember its your society and newsletter so if you have anything to say, need some help or you may have some interesting anecdote that you wish to share, send me the details and I will print it.

Now before we know where we are, Christmas will be upon us and it has been mentioned at the recent Committee Meeting that we may like to run a 'Santa Special' one Sunday near Christmas

for the children, they could join the train at Bank side, get off at a grotto type station at the bottom end of the track where they could collect sweets and a balloon from Santa himself before joining the next train to ride back to the main station. This would be an excellent way to raise funds and awareness of the society. All we need is an elderly, jolly, red faced, and portly gent to play the part!..... names on a postcard please!

See you all soon.

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NEWS FROM BRIAN

Cheddar Models

We have received an invitation to visit the Cheddar Model works and look round their premises where they not only build boilers as I am sure most people know but also small automatically operated steam marine power plants for a range of model boats. They have also recently introduced a range of 16mm locomotives. If this is of interest to you please let me know and if there is sufficient interest then I will go ahead and make arrangements.

Speaker for July 2004

Next July evening meeting will be our AGM as in past years and because of this we will have less time for the evening speaker this is a good opportunity to draw from the talents of the society. That means YOU, and I am sure that you are more than capable of speaking on a subject that interests you for a few minutes. It will not be necessary for one person to speak for a long time as we can have more than one speaker. Go on have ago, you have plenty of time and it isn't difficult to chat to your friends.

Brian

FOR SALE

Brook Double ended motor 1/2hp single phase
£10.00

14" Heavy duty face plate £5.00

Burgess band saw 12" throat £5.00

Contact Derek Moore, 60 Danecourt Road Poole
Tel: 748632

Diary Dates

- 15-Oct-03 Presentation on the cinema
- 19-Nov-03 Jack & Anne Bath - Archive Films
- 17-Dec-03 Christmas Party

HEALTH AND SAFETY NOTICE

No children under the age of 16 are allowed into the kitchen area in the engine shed.

Chairmans Thoughts

Hope you all enjoyed last months meeting, how was the new kitchen ladies?

I was on holiday in Spain with Diane and my two little boys (one 22 and one 19) we went to Salou on the coast of Costa Dorada. The reason for the choice was the little boys wanted to go to Universal Studios Port Adventura Theme Park. As you can see from the picture they had a steam train but it was oil fired, what a horrible smell, give me a coal fired engine any day. My two sons spent 6 days in the theme park getting wet on some rides and being turned upside down on others. Whilst exploring we found an old narrow gauge Train and Carriage surrounded by water I assume to keep people off it. The train was Prim a Carrilet and used for transporting large numbers of citizens from the local town to Salou to enjoy the beaches, it last ran in 1975. It would make a nice preserved railway but I do not think the Spanish are into that sort of thing. Maybe someone knows different? Dave Martin



This Months Competition

- Q1** Which railway claims to have the oldest steam locomotive in regular use in the world?
- Q2** For what purpose would you use a Zeus book?
- Q3** Who invented the multiplane camera which revolutionised animation?
- Q4** In Horology what poison do you need to look out for?

Last Months Competition

- A1** Romney Hythe & Dynchurch
- A2** The Reversing Lever
- A3** Polly Model Engineering
- A4** 73 years

And Finally

The inventor of the Harley Davidson Motorcycle Corporation, Arthur Davidson, died and went to heaven. At the gates, St. Peter told Arthur, "Since you've been such a good man and your motorcycles have changed the world, your reward is, you can hang out with anyone you want in Heaven." Arthur thought about it for a minute and then said, "I want to hang out with God." St. Peter took Arthur to the Throne Room, and introduced him to God. God recognised Arthur and commented, "Okay, so you were the one who invented motorcycles, eh?" Arthur said, "ya, that's me..." God commented, "Well, what a big deal in inventing something that's pretty unstable, makes noise and pollution, and can't run without a road?!" Arthur was apparently embarrassed, but finally spoke, "Excuse me but aren't you the inventor of woman???" God said, "Ah, yes." "Well," said Arthur, 'professional to professional, you have some major design flaws in your invention.

1. There's too much inconsistency in the front-end protrusion; 2. It chatters constantly at high speeds; 3. Most of the rear ends are too soft and wobble too much; And 4. the maintenance costs are outrageous!! "Hmmm, you may have some good points there," replied God, "hold on." God went to his Celestial supercomputer, typed in a few words and waited for the results. The computer printed out a slip of paper and God read it.

"Well, it maybe true that my invention is flawed," God said to Arthur, "but according to these numbers, more men are playing with my invention than yours."



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