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April News

Its Official were open!

Indeed we are. On Sunday the 11th of April an army of members descended on the Littledown centre at a very early hour to get everything ready, from P.A. systems to tent erection, to catering by the ladies, to track inspectors, to car park organisers, to model displays by the Wessex model boat club, to an excellent display by our own members, and a superb 16mm gauge display, to train drivers and guards everyone played there part and played it well and at precisely 12 noon a procession led by Phil Perry and his traction engine carried the worshipful Mayor of Bournemouth and other officials through the park right up to the platform where she made a speech that contained many references to the hard work done by all involved from contractors to council officials and how the club had survived some 80 years. She then proceeded to cut a blue and yellow ribbon and officially opened our new track at the Littledown centre to the applause and cheers of the gathered audience many of whom had made an extra special effort to turn up and participate in what turned out to be an extremely enjoyable day. The mayor was treated to a trip around the circuit accompanied by our president Dick Mantle, chairman David Martin and the 'Maid of Kent' was kept in steam and driven by Dick Ganderton who even had a brand new pair of embroidered overalls for the occasion! (Still it was time to throw out the BR. jacket Dick) The mayor was then asked to cut the cake in the shape of the track that had been baked especially for the occasion by Jean Brookes, Dave Martin then presented the mayor with a bouquet of flowers as a small token of our appreciation. Having had a cup of tea the mayor then had a guided tour of the static models and talked avidly to the exhibitors. Before leaving, she promised to come down with her grandchildren and have another ride on the train. It would be nice to name everyone that took part to make the day

extra special but I'm afraid that many more trees would have to be cut down to produce the amount of paper that I would need, so from the committee members, a big thank you to each and everyone I hope you all enjoyed the day as much as Thomas and I did, and guess what? Brian Merrifields's magic wallet produced some £300 for our nominated charity Julia's House, who will be receiving a cheque at the next club night. Well done team we estimate that over 400 passengers were carried that day.

Contained with this months newsletter is an article explaining one way of making a spark arrestor for your loco. This article and picture has been produced by Dick Ganderton as an aid to the construction of a spark arrestor. This method is by no means the only way merely a suggestion, you may like to take a peep at John Hoyles design for an alternative. Whatever you decide it must be emphasised that it is mandatory to be fitted to all passenger hauling live steam loco's.

On a personal point I would like to say thank you to all the members who sent cards congratulating Melanie and I on the birth of baby Benjamin. When I can get some time (and sleep) I guess I will have to get a loco under construction for him, any suggestions?.....see you all soon. ED ■



A dazzling pair of gloves I think !

Diary Dates

21-Apr-04 - Alan Frampton "Wildlife Wood Carving"

19-May-04 - Malcolm Bowditch "Cordite Factory at Holton Heath" Donations Please

13-June-04 - Open day

16-Jun-04 Bits and Pieces

21-Jul-04 AGM Followed by Geoff Wright "The joys of building a Rocket"

18-Aug-04 BBQ At the Littledown Centre

15-Sept-04 Stephen Douglass "Playing with steam in the USA"

Chairmans Thoughts

Well its official, the Mayor (what a nice person who seemed genuinely interested in what we do) has opened the track and what an excellent day we all had. I think as a club we have shown that we are prepared to work together to host an event that we can all be proud of and I would like to thank all those who took part in any way for their effort it was all worthwhile and credit to us all. British Rail take note our trains run on time and at a profit which will be donated to Julia Perks Foundation. We put on a fine display of models and I think that with the aid of the display by Wessex Model Boats helped us to show the council and the members of the public that Littledown Park has now got something different to offer people. I must say what a wonderful spread the ladies put on for us we were able to give our guests five star cuisine and to top it all a cake that was a centre piece for the opening ceremony. On a personal note I would like to thank all the members for giving me the opportunity of being so involved in this great event.

Last Months Competition

Q1 Cambourne.

Q2 The Flying Scotsman.

Q3 The National Railway Museum

Q4 Orthographic Projection.

This Months Competition

Q1 Which company pioneered the Radial engine?

Q2 The Orient express carriages were copied from what American company?

Q3 Where would you expect to find 'Chuck'?

Q4 10 psi is equivalent to how much in bar?

And Finally

We are survivors

"We were born before television; penicillin; polio shots; frozen food; Xerox; plastic; contact lenses; videos; Frisbees and the pill. We were before radar; credit cards; split atoms; laser beams; and the ball point pens. Before dishwashers; tumble driers; electric blankets; air conditioners; drip dry clothes and before man walked on the moon" "We got married first and then lived together; ("fastfood was what you ate in lent); a "big mac" was an oversized raincoat; and "crumpet" we had for tea. We existed before house husbands; computer dating; dual careers; and when a "meaningful relationship" meant getting along with cousins, and when "sheltered accommodation" was where you waited for the bus." "We were before daycare centres; group homes; and disposable nappies. We had never heard of FM radio; tape decks; electric typewriters; artificial hearts; word processors; yoghurt, and men wearing earrings. For us 'time sharing' meant togetherness, and a chip was a piece of wood or fried potato; hardware meant nuts and bolts, and software wasn't a word." "Before 1940 'Made in japan' meant it was junk, the term 'making out' refereed to how you did in your exams; stud was something that fastened a collar to a shirt; and 'going all the way' meant staying on the tram right back to the depot. Pizza, McDonalds and instant coffee were unheard of. In our day 'cigarette smoking' was fashionable. 'grass' was grown, 'coke' was kept in the coal shed, a 'joint' was a piece of meat you had for Sunday dinner at midday, and 'pot' was something you cooked in. "Rock music" was Grandmothers lullaby, 'Eldorado' was an ice cream; a 'gay' person was the life and soul of the party and nothing else, whilst 'aids' meant help for people in trouble." We who were born before 1940 must be a hardy bunch when you think about the way in which the world has changed and the adjustments we have had to make. No wonder there is a 'generation gap' today. But by the grace of God and our persistence we have survived.



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