

# B&DSME News

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## Air Ambulance day success

Well another successful day for the society and even greater public awareness of our new home took place last Sunday when the efforts of all concerned saw the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance charity's coffers swelled by the days takings as well as the sales of their own merchandise. Now for those that don't know this particular air ambulance has recently won an award for being the best of all the Air Ambulances in the country for a particularly tricky rescue involving one of our own members daughters, lets hope our contribution on Sunday goes in some way to help out. For those of you that have noticed you may be aware of work going on by the (now nationally famous) bendy beam. This is to provide for a head shunt inside the track. This head shunt will run from the beam up to an area around about half way down the platform on the inside. I have dug out the foundations and shuttered up ready for concreting. I now await the delivery of the ballast, hole borer and cement mixer. Once the main pad for the beam has been done then holes will be bored at two metre intervals, box section sunk in and concreted ready for the rail to be welded on top. This should provide relief for drivers who may be having trouble and need to come off the main line temporarily. My thanks go to Brian (once again) and John Hoyle who have arranged and delivered the box section on site.

In last months newsletter mention was made of driving trolleys, indeed we were even mentioned in the ME. Well in next months newsletter an article will be published from the sub committee that are building the new trolleys. Information is a little sketchy at the moment but I believe they are going to be of an aluminium monocoq type construction, but John Hoyle will furnish me with all the up to date details next month. Next month's meeting (the BBQ) is definitely at the track and not Muscliffe, this is due to the Muscliffe centre being decorated so lets hope the weather is kind to us. Hot off the press is the details of our night at Moors valley which is open to all members and family and is a good night out, put it in your diary and tell your friends. For those interested I collect the final parts for the king in September, couple of weeks should see it together!.....cheers ED

## Here is a roundup of away events brought to the editors attention

Wednesday 18th August Steam Train Through Bournemouth 11:45 11:55 Branksome 12:00 Poole. Returning Poole 18:49 Branksome 18:59 Bournemouth 19:04

Bristol Smee exhibition 20 - 21 - 22nd August  
Allways a good show and a friendly bunch

16th National Locomotive Rally hosted by Birmingham society on 11th - 12th September 3 different tracks, Grand Evening Party, Trade support, Camping available Contact Tony Sear 01926 424 942

3rd Polly Models open weekend 11th - 12th September at the Nottingham society Ruddington. [www.pollymodelengineering.co.uk](http://www.pollymodelengineering.co.uk) See the new Polly and meet the originator himself and enjoy a BBQ on the Saturday

## Want Ads

Details or drawings of a Bassett Lowke 1/2" Bore. "Tangye horizontal engine". Main details required, steam chest and slide valve contact Alvin on 01202 824819

Complete Workshop including: Smart & Brown model "A" lathe, 4.5" centre height, 3ph, collets (imperial & metric), taper turning. Bench drill, Measuring equipment, taps & dies and most of the small hand tools expected in a workshop. Tel Mr G Jones 01202 675435

Can anybody help with any info/books/software for a Denford cnc lathe ? I have one sadly gathering dust in my garage, all electronics seem o.k. but I dont know how to "talk" to it!!! Any help to find out if it is a going concern before blowing £60 on a manual would be most gratefully received. Contact M.Cuff 01425 478020 or [martincuff@eurobell.co.uk](mailto:martincuff@eurobell.co.uk)

## Boilers for Tests

Would all members requiring boiler tests please ensure that the boilers have a reasonable chance of passing, possibly by a home test first, sufficient blanking plugs are available and a witness is available when the test is required.

# Diary Dates

18-Aug-04 BBQ At the Littledown Centre.

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

20-Oct-04 Foundry Work

31-Oct-04 End of Summer Run and Sunday Roast BBQ Courtesy of the editor

17-Nov-04 Jack & Anne Bath Ladies Night

15-Dec-04 Christmas Party

## Vice-Chairmans Thoughts

This month's thoughts are not from the usual source, so I am afraid you will have to suffer my ramblings for this issue. For those of you who are not aware, your previous committee are now the current one as there were no new proposals (or proposers) for the 2004-2005 year. Presumably this means one of two things, (a) the committee is functioning in a way that you the membership is happy with or (b) nobody is prepared to take the "bull by the horns" and steer the club in a different direction. I hope the former is the case. (that is not to say that your input and ((polite)) suggestions will not be given an airing) Any way on a lighter note thank you to all of you who helped (in whatever way) with the organisation and running of the J.P.Morgan DAY on Sunday.....or was it Saturday 10th July. The event went very smoothly and a large number of passengers were safely carried. On a personal note it was an interesting run with the club's Maid of Kent as the axle driven water pump's bypass pipe fractured at the bypass valve resulting in spray of water shooting into the ashpan and damping the fire (Literally) and making running and firing a tad tricky when continuous running. While on the subject of the "Maid" if anybody would like a drive -solo or supervised by all means ask me after all it is the Club's Loco I am just it's caretaker! The next club meeting will be at the track and locos will be running. Lights will be compulsory both front and rear (no exceptions please) On a lighter (?) note I will reduce the intensity of lights I use as there were rumours of temporary blindness and melting of sleepers following my last evening run. Lena and Derek will be in attendance with the bar-be-cue Congratulations to Richard Knott on the fantastic fund raiser for the Youth Cancer Trust on the 24th/25th July with a grand sum of £3200.00 Well I guess I have bored most of you enough by now so I will sign off....Martin Cuff.



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## This Months Competition

**Q1** Joe Sutter was chief design engineer for what?

**Q2** What was the name of the person who invented television as we know it?

**Q3** Which murderer was the first to be caught using ship to shore telegraph.?

**Q4** Douglas Englebert was the inventor of which plastic animal?

## Last Months Competition

**Q1** Bakelite

**Q2** Sony

**Q3** Nylon Toothbrush

**Q4** First.

## And Finally

After getting all of Pope John Paul's luggage loaded into the limousine (he doesn't travel light), the driver notices that the Pope is still standing

on the kerb."Excuse me, Your Eminence," says the driver, "Would you please take your seat so we can leave?" "Well, to tell you the truth," says the Pope, "they never let me drive at the Vatican, and I'd really like to drive today." "I'm sorry but I cannot let you do that. I'd lose my job! And what if something should happen?" protests the driver, wishing he'd never gone to work that morning. There might be something extra in it for you," says the Pope. Reluctantly, the driver gets in the back as the Pope climbs in behind the wheel. The driver quickly regrets his decision when, after exiting the airport, the Supreme Pontiff floors it, accelerating the limo to 105mph."Please slow down, Your Holiness!!!" pleads the worried driver, but the Pope keeps the pedal to the metal until they hear sirens."Oh, dear God, I'm gonna lose my license," moans the driver. The Pope pulls over and rolls down the window as the cop approaches, but the cop takes one look at him, goes back to his motorcycle, and gets on the radio. "I need to talk to the chief," he says to the dispatcher. The Chief gets on the radio and the cop tells him that he's stopped a limo going a hundred and five. "So bust him," says the Chief. "I don't think we want to do that, he's really important," replies the cop. The Chief exclaims, "All the more reason!" "No, I mean really important," says the cop. The Chief asks, "Who ya got there, the Mayor?" Cop: "Bigger." Chief: "Governor?" Cop: "Bigger." OK," says the Chief, "who is it?" Cop: "I think it's God!" Chief: "What makes you think it's God?"

Cop: "He's got the Pope for a chauffeur!"