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Its Subscription Time

Indeed it is that time of year again when your cheque books need to be opened and monies deposited with our treasurer Mike Mortimer who's address is 18, Collwood Close, Poole, Dorset. BH15 3HF, for your Annual Subscription. The price? Why a mere bargain at £18.00 for single & £19.00 for Joint membership. What, no increase I hear you sigh? Yes that's correct, unlike your local council the society isn't going to rob you blind and give you nothing in return. So do us a favour and send Mike the monies soon as you can, after all we have a wonderful facility at Littledown, a cheeky newsletter and great meetings for such a small fee.

It doesn't seem like a year ago when it was at this time that we were up to our knees in mud and had no rail, wondering if it was all ever going to get finished, but it did and in that short space of time we have had an extremely successful private booking (JP Morgan) An enjoyable BBQ despite my hangover (Golden fishplate day). A twilight run and BBQ and of course the Santa special day which despite the immense amount of work put in by the few, proved for me to be the most enjoyable day with society members and the public having a wonderful time. I reckon secretly my mate George even enjoyed Christmas this year! Now its time to look forward to the tasks ahead, business plans have to put in place for the funding of the replacement engine shed, luckily planning permission was arranged in the original scheme it is now up to us to carry this on and within the next three years complete the task. I understand this will not be a cheap project but we do have to do it as part of our agreement with the landlord, kinda looks like its back on with the wellies again! If during the past year or so you have signed up to the internet and have an email address then you could save the society some money each year by having your newsletter sent electronically. In order for this to happen please could you send me your email addresses to

rharvey@exchequer.com and I can then

update my newsletter database and start saving the society some money.

I have just returned from Sinsheim the mecca of all engineering exhibitions for my second year and I have to say that this exhibition continues to go from strength to strength and makes some of the UK Events look ridiculous. I spent a lot of time talking to UK trade exhibitors, which this year saw a dramatic increase in stands. They all said they would be coming back as the level of sales were very good for British businesses and the cost were but a fraction of the prices charged at our 'usual' venues. To put it into context where can you attend an engineering exhibition, which encompasses 6 halls, is air conditioned, catering is extremely good and well organised, the traders are very professional and a two day ticket is £6.00! Is anyone interested in making a society trip next year with some more engines? If so let me know, If not well guess its soggy sandwiches and weak cold tea at Wembley in a fortnights time then for us who are going. If you are going to Wembley on the minibus I will let you all know the pickup times and locations individually. Until then happy steaming and see you at the next meeting. ED



Bah Humbug!

Diary Dates

21-Jan-04 - Brian Ball "Making a Suit of Armour"

24-Jan-04 - Wembley trip

28-Jan-04 - Annual Dinner Crooked Beam

18-Feb-04 - Brian Chidgey "Road Safety for Model Engineers"

17-Mar-04 - Richard Knott "Video Evening"

1-Apr-04 - Visit Cheddar Models

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

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

16-Jun-04 Bits and Pieces

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Chairmans Thoughts

It's that time of year when we look forward to a new year but reflect on our past year. The club has built a new miniature railway in record time and operated professionally with public events, lastly being our Father Christmas run which was a great success. OK we did not carry as many children as we would have hoped but those we did carry will be back again for a ride on our trains in the future. Again I would like to thank those who organised the event and all who helped on the day, another event we all can be proud of. I am sorry I missed the Xmas party I hope all those who went enjoyed themselves and that you all have had a good Christmas and New Year.

Now looking forward we still have some work to be completed at the track but this does not stop any member using the track 364 days of the year if your other half will let you. The new traverser is under construction but you can use the one we have got with care and if you need help getting your loco on the track there is usually a helping hand with the lifting out of the car etc. just ask. We need now to be looking forward to our official opening by the Mayor, hopefully in April, date to be agreed. Help will be needed from one and all in completing the work around the track so we all can be proud of our first class track, facilities and surroundings. David Martin

This Months Competition

Q1 How much is a two day pass to Sinsheim?

Q2 Which was the first preserved steam locomotive to break the BR Board ban on steam operations over BR tracks in 1971?

Q3 What did Jack Kilby invent in 1958 at Texas instruments?

Q4 How many years have we left to replace the engine shed?

Last Months Competition

Q1 I have no idea! Ask an engineer.

Q2 Kings Cross, Peterborough, Bradford & Leeds.

Q3 Virgin Voyager

Q4 Burrel

And Finally

A man was told by his GP to lose 75 lbs. due to serious health risks. As he thought how he would ever do it, he ran across an ad in the paper for a **GUARANTEED WEIGHT LOSS PROGRAM.**

"Guaranteed! Yeah right!" he thought to himself. But desperate, he calls them and subscribes to the 3-day / 10 lb weight loss program. The next day there's a knock at his door, and when he answers, there stands before him a voluptuous, athletic, 19 year old girl dressed in nothing but a pair of Nike running shoes and a sign round her neck. She introduces herself as a representative of the weight loss company. The sign reads, "If you can catch me, you can have me!" Without a second thought he takes off after her. A few miles later, huffing and puffing, he finally catches and has his way with her. After they are through and she leaves, he thinks to himself, "I like the way this company does business!" The same girl shows up for the next two days and the same thing happens. On the fourth day, he weighs himself and is delighted to find he has lost 10 lb. as promised. He calls the company and orders their 5-day/ 20lb program. The next day there's a knock at the door and there stands the most stunning, beautiful, sexy woman he has ever seen in his life, wearing nothing but Reebok running shoes and a sign around her neck that reads, "If you catch me, you can have me." He's out the door and after her like a shot. This girl is in excellent shape and it takes him a while to catch her, but when he does, it is worth every cramp and wheeze. For the next four days, the same routine happens. Much to his delight, on the fifth day, he weighs himself and found he has lost another 20 lbs. as promised. He decides to go for broke and calls the company to order the 7-day/ 50lb program. "Are you sure?" asks the representative on the phone. "This is our most rigorous program." "Absolutely," he replies, "I haven't felt this good in years." The next day there's a knock at the door and when he opens it he finds a muscular guy standing there wearing nothing but pink running shoes and a sign around his neck that reads, "If I catch you, you're mine."



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