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Sheep On The Line

This month's newsletter envelope contains lots of goodies for you all. Namely an AGM booklet detailing the societies past year and the company accounts. Also a proxy (careful with the spelling!) voting form for those that cant make it to the meeting. Unless there are questions from the floor (which is pretty unusual) I don't expect much to be said at the meeting other than reading out a statement of fact about the society so I'm looking forward to the speaker and 'The joys of building a Rocket' I don't know if it's the Stephenson type or maybe the Neil Armstrong variant, however the entertainment over the last year has been very good and on wide ranging topics. The committee have all been re-elected for the ensuing year, which was just as well really as no-one put there name forward to assist in this matter. It either means one of two things, either we must be doing a reasonable job or no one has any better suggestions. So you're stuck with us for another year. Thanks to all that assisted in the recent events for the Verwood brownies and the Wimborne Gauge 'O' Guild, also the JP Morgan event last Saturday it was a superb day and thanks to Brian Merrifield who planned it, ran like clockwork. How many other societies can say that they successfully avoided sheep on the line? Thanks to Graham he kept a beady eye on the animals that were allowed to roam free that were part of the other visitor attractions. Peggy and the other ladies did us proud as usual at very short notice and provided ploughman's lunches to all that helped. Good job George decided to cut the grass during the early part of the week or the Sunday could have been interesting! Now hands up all those who said it was on the Saturday?...Smart Arse!

For those members that are unable to attend the meetings the council have agreed to an initial five-year lease with figure of £300 for the first years rent, whereby thereafter our rent will be judged upon our income. This I think you will agree is a fair albeit short-term arrangement, lets keep up the good work we have done so far with being tidy and sensible parking so that everyone is happy. The scheduled visit to the Purbeck Miniature railway unfortunately had to be postponed due to boiler problems, this is now more than likely to happen around September time, more details from John Hoyle as they materialise. On the subject of John Hoyle don't forget our charity day for his good cause the Somerset & Dorset air ambulance. Volunteers will

soon be commandeered for this event either by Brian (not sure what day it is) Merrifield or some other person who will remain nameless. In this month's newsletter is the first part of a report from Graham Osmond relating to the traverser. See you soon ED

Traverser Report P1.

Behind the scenes work progresses at a steady pace, our thanks must go to Dave Finn who has produced two magnificent billets of corrosion resisting iron which I have turned into the Vee wheels with bearings fitted. Phil Cutler has already supplied the cut plates that I requested for the numerous parts around the traverser, to date I hope to have the two wheeled units finally drilled & ready to accept the wheels, these in axle boxes & give a certain amount of support to the 100mm square box tube out of which the main structure is made. Phil has cut the first 8 ribs, which support the uprights. Bob Deveraux has supplied screws, shims, circlips, 20mm studding, nuts & bolts to support the adjustable rail section atop the main frame. The rail section made from 50 x 10 mm black iron is three quarters finished, there still remains a reasonable amount



But Uncle Richard "You Broke It"!

of milling to be done all over the unit. Each area being attacked when machines allowed, (example: A mill may have a part machined piece which may require tooling to be arranged, so handwork or lathe work is done rather than break down the mill & have to reset it thus wasting time.) As far as the flat

ground rail is concerned only 4 out of 7 days are available to us otherwise we would be in the way of the people who want to play trains. After my temporary absence of two weeks I can now think about getting on and putting this rail in place, the frame for drilling and the stretchers are made so it can be finished. The V rail that is currently laid had a 3:1 sand & cement mix, this should have set rock hard, and it didn't and may have to be replaced. A point to take on board is that the concrete platform made by the original contractors may appear flat but isn't which is why packing had to be used under the V section to level things up. So things are moving on but be patient you will get the traverser you always wanted. Graham

Diary Dates

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

8-Aug-04 Charity day for Air Ambulance

18-Aug-04 BBQ At the Littledown Centre Or Muscliffe if wet

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

20-Oct-04 Foundry Work

17-Nov-04 Jack & Anne Bath Ladies Night

15-12-04 Christmas Party

Chairmans Thoughts

What can you say about our last club meeting other than the male members had better watch out or we will be overtaken by the ladies! I must say it was nice to see that they also have many different interests other than cooking, cleaning and looking after us. Would it be an idea for the ladies to do something on a Sunday afternoon we could easily clear the hut up so some tables and chairs could be arranged, may be Peg could give a further demonstration of her Quiling. By the way it cost me a fortune in Hobbycraft the following Saturday. May be the men could make the tea for the ladies on a Sunday! (Probably the wrong thing to say) Well let me know if you have any ideas.

The Thursday run for the Brownies was a great success nearly as many locos as we get on a Sunday, I received a nice thank you letter from the 4th Verwood Brownies for the evening. Then the following Wednesday we entertained the Gauge O Guild who had plenty of rides and plenty to eat. Thanks to Derek and Lena for doing the BBQ on both occasions and Jean for supplying the cakes and everybody else for their help. We again were very lucky with the weather. By the time you read this we will have had the J P Morgan Sunday on Saturday my hope is that the weather will be kind to the club and on selfish side I do not want it to rain as I am taking the caravan out for the first time this year so Diane and I can go to the Hampton Court flower show. Thanks to all those who will have helped on the day. Please don't forget the AGM on the 21st July 2004. Our next event will be our charity day on the 8th August with all proceeds going to the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance. Shame John can't get the helicopter to land on the cricket pitch. David Martin

Luscombe Valley Charity Weekend 24th & 25th July

11am until 5pm both days. All in aid of Youth Cancer Trust. Attractions include, Hog roast, train rides, book, cake & plant stalls. Tombola, bouncy castle & childrens paddling pool

This Months Competition

Q1 Leo Hendrik Baekeland invented what in 1909?

Q2 In 1954 which Japanese company invented the transistor radio?

Q3 What was the first Nylon product to go on sale in 1938.?

Q4 When Big Ben strikes the hour, on what stroke is the hour correct?

Last Months Competition

Q1 Over 4000

Q2 Watertown Massachusetts

Q3 Lincoln.

Q4 Walschaert Valve gear.

For Sale

3/4 Hp Electric Motor 240v Single Phase £10.00 to club funds contact Ted Rouse 01202 710615

Various fans removed from a variety of P/c's. Located in Engine shed and Free

And Finally

Julius Caesar was addressing the crowd in the Coliseum. "Friends, Romans and Countrymen, lend me your ears. Tomorrow I take our glorious army to conquer Northern Europe and I shall start with France. We shall kill many Gauls and return victorious". The crowd are up on their feet "YeEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEES, hail mighty Caesar" Brutus turns to his mate and says "He doesn't half talk some Bull? He couldn't fight his way out of a wet parchment bag". Six months later, Caesar comes back having conquered France and addresses the crowd in the Coliseum. "Friends, Romans and Countrymen, I have returned from our campaign in France and as I promised, we killed 50,000 Gauls". The crowd are up on their feet again. "YeEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEES, hail mighty Caesar". Brutus once again turns to his mate "I'm sick of his bullsh*t, I'm off to France to check this out." So Brutus sets off for France and three weeks later he comes back to Rome. Caesar is addressing the public in the Coliseum again "Friends, Romans and Countrymen. Tomorrow we set off for Britain and we are going to sort those b*stards out" The crowd are up on their feet. "YeEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEES, hail mighty Caesar" Brutus jumps up and shouts, "Caesar, you are a liar. You told us that you had killed 50,000 Gauls in France but I've been there to check it out and you only killed 25,000!!!!" The crowd are stunned and all sit down in silence. Caesar gets up and looks slowly round the Coliseum then across at Brutus and says, "Brutus, you are forgetting one thing -Away Gauls count double in Europe."



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