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June News

Nomination Time

Included in this month's newsletter are the annual nomination forms. As you are aware every year the society votes on a new committee to run the society for a further year and as the constitution states all officers and directors retire. So this is your chance to have your say on who sits on the committee and steers the society for the ensuing year. Maybe you know someone who you feel could bring a benefit to the society, maybe you would like to give it a try for a year. I can assure you that now having done it for three years it's not that bad. In the chairman's thought this month he has stated that the current officers are prepared to stand for another year, but ultimately its up to all of you as members to decide, fancy it? Then why not fill out the form and send it in by the deadline.

This Sunday see the societies first open day to visiting societies for quite some years and a number of visiting societies and locos are expected. Now parking is going to be a bit tight this Sunday so we would ask all members with the exception of a small few who may find the extra walk difficult, to park in the main centre car park. In this way the visitors get a chance to unload and park close to the track. A ploughman's will be served at lunchtime along with tea and cakes in the afternoon, Peggy has asked if members could bring along some cakes to help with this.

You may have noticed some indentations and Formica shims in the main concrete traverser bed, well in case you were wondering our Graham has been hard at work ensuring the exact levels are achieved ready to lay the rails for the new traverser, which is being constructed off site. I will bring you more up to date news and exact

information on this in next month's newsletter with a report from Graham. A couple of Sunday ago a gang of members took on the task at the chairman's request to adjust, lube and tighten the entire railways fishplates. This task was expected to take a couple of Sundays but the weather was with us and a strong gang of linemen rolled up there sleeves, donned rubber gloves and set to. The whole operation went like clockwork (unlike Brian Merrifield's!) and the complete railway was finished by the time the impatient ones wanted to steam up at 1 'O' clock. Thanks to everyone, the banter and camaraderie from the members that turned up reaffirmed my thoughts that our society has a core of friendly, helpful members, especially the ones that are enduring my persistence in the building of the King. Thanks to you guys who have given me bits and pieces and help along the way, one year down the line and the tender is almost ready for the primer Hallelujah! Now for the 'big bit'

Parish notices this month include the ever popular charity weekend at Luscombe Valley, always a good day out for the family and if your really lucky you may win in the tombola. The visit to the Purbeck railway date has changed since last month's letter another very enjoyable day out culminating in a barbecue, stick this one in your diary. The evening run for Peg's brownies on the 24th is an event for us to help a committee member out and have some fun. Finally the Wimborne gauge o guild are visiting us on the 30th and as they always make us feel at home when we visit them, please can we make an extra special effort for there visit.

Cheers All Happy steaming.....ED

Diary Dates

13-June-04 - Open day Members to park in main car park

16-Jun-04 - Bits and Pieces

24-Jun-04 - Verwood Brownie's night 6 -8pm Littletdown

30-Jun-04 - Visit to us from Gauge 'O' Guild Loco's to be in steam by 19:00 hrs Lights mandatory

03-Jul-04 - Purbeck Miniature Railway Day. Steam up from 2pm until dusk & bbq

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

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

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

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

Chairmans Thoughts

Well time marches on it is nearly a 12 month since I started having these thoughts of mine! A lot has happened in that time we have had some very good events and the track has been officially opened. If I had known what was involved with that I may have had second thoughts. Now to the future the committee and I are all prepared to give it another go for the next 12 months if you'll have us.

Thanks to all the members who helped the other Sunday with the fishplates it made short work of a boring job. The job was done easily on the Sunday morning leaving the rest of the day to play trains. I must say the editor has a greasy side to him, and thanks Richard a messy job well done.

Well I had better get back to the house work as Diane is going to be in plaster until the end of the month its amazing how much washing and cooking needs to be done. Still she is hoping around now and helping where she can.

David Martin

This Months Competition

Q1 How many engines did Burrells of Thetford produce?

Q2 Where was the legendary Stanley Steamer built ?

Q3 Which city adopted the only flying lancaster bomber left in the U.K.?

Q4 A Belgium state railway worker invented what in 1844 ?

Last Months Competition

Q1 The first passenger train journey

Q2 Claire Barrat

Q3 The car 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang.

Q4 The N.R.M.

'O' Gauge Open Day

The L.M.S. Joint Lines committee Will be holding a Running Session On Saturday 17th July 2004 The Track will be open from 1300hrs until the operators Drop... Normal!! Running operations Will commence from about 1400 Hrs. Parking is available on site first come, first served, extra parking Is available in Green Lane, opposite on the south side, (left) [note that This is a one-way street, heading west]. Or in Manor Road. You are Requested not to park in Parsonage Barn Lane as this is a busy road and a bus route .And can get quite congested at times. We are very restricted in garden seating and it would be prudent to bring along any seating that you may require. The Address is 29 Parsonage Barn Lane, Ringwood. Tel 01425 475301



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