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May News

A Very Busy Month

For those amongst you that were unable to attend, a few other die hards and myself made the trip north to Harrogate and attended an excellent show. This show had good support from the trade as well as an interesting variety of clubs and their member's models. Some of which were not only of high quality but diverse topics as well. The show was extremely well organised with good parking facilities and a good standard of catering with very realistic prices, what particularly impressed me was the width of the aisles, you could actually pass between the stands without the usual bottle necks that a lot of the shows seem to suffer. This is particularly useful to the less able members of the hobby. All in all a show worth attending and I feel you should put it in your diary for future attendance. During the weekend between food and beer breaks, the raiding party also managed one and a half days at the National Railway Museum, which is now home to the Flying Scotsman thanks to Mr. Branson's company. This museum is a must for all the family especially as admission is free, there is so much to see and do and if you get to look around the 'storeroom' as we did, you will be amazed at the thousands of exhibits that are 'mothballed'. I personally couldn't find a loco example in any of the usual scales missing! Let alone the thousands of other artefacts worth looking at, a veritable Aladdin's cave.

At our last committee meeting a number of issue were raised, one of which is the acquisition of a couple of two seat driving trolleys. These would be available for members who do not have their own and also for members that may need the assistance of an experienced member to ride behind them for whatever reason. In providing these trolleys it is hoped that this would free up the larger passenger carrying ones to be used for the purpose that they were intended for. Does any member know of a suitable supplier for this? Or perhaps a member would be willing to make the club

some? If you can help then let a committee member know as soon as possible please.

Another point raised is the ongoing safety when passenger hauling. It has always been the case that no fare paying passenger hauling can take place if less than three members are present, one of these members being designated the officer of the day and wearing a high vis. Jacket. Well the officer of the day's responsibility has been extended to encompass some simple safety checks. These are: To ensure drivers have signed in, to check spark arrestors (if applicable) and to check that your couplings conform to the clubs requirements. It is intended to operate the position voluntarily and the committee would ask all members who go to the track to lend a hand in this. In this way should the unspeakable happen then at least we will have shown to have demonstrated 'due diligence'.

During the month of June a lot is happening and for those that don't read the diary dates section remember that we are entertaining the Verwood Brownies, the clubs open day to visiting societies and a trip to the gauge O guild at Wimborne. Brian Gibson is opening his garden railway in Ringwood to all that want to come along. Specifically our June meeting is a bits and pieces evening and is open to all so it's hoped that the ladies will be exhibiting some of their work as well. So now that the weather has improved, it's off with the knitted jumpers, bring your friends along and join in the fun.

At a previous meeting the 3.5" Juliet loco that was donated by Mrs. Pam Maclean was shown off. The committee has suggested it to sell this loco to a club member. Does anyone have any other suggestions for it? If you do then mention it at the next club night when our chairman raises the subject. Happy Steaming ED ■

Diary Dates

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

13-June-04 - Open day

16-Jun-04 - Bits and Pieces

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

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

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

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

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

Wanted

A 5" Gauge Coronation Scott, Duchess or Princess Locomotive. Must be in good condition. Contact the Editor

Chairmans Thoughts

I have received a letter from the Mayor, thanking us for inviting her to open our Miniature Railway. She also was very pleased with the bouquet of flowers and the delicious buffet and congratulates the baker of the fabulous cake and wishes us a long and successful future.

Now the weather is getting better let's see more of you up at the track even if you have not got a loco to run, come and have a cup of tea or coffee and a chat, don't forget Wednesdays as well. However there are still some small jobs on the track to be done and help with this would be much appreciated. There are still some straight panels of track that could do with a few more screws and all the fishplates need to be lubricated. The wheels on the trolleys have been re-profiled and the one I used the other day ran very well. However we are going to investigate the construction of some new trolleys and would appreciate any ideas you may have. Please could members sign-in each time they run on the track with some basic information, I know it may seem pointless but we do need to keep a basic log to keep our health and safety records up to scratch. We need members to take a turn at being officer of the day or half day with another member, if everyone takes their turn this duty would not come round too often.

David Martin

This Months Competition

Q1 This year celebrates 200 years of what?

Q2 What is the name of the lady presenter in 'Salvage squad'?

Q3 The fictional inventor Cracatus Potts is famous for what?

Q4 Where is the Flying Scotsman now located ?

Last Months Competition

Q1 Pratt & Whitney.

Q2 Pullman.

Q3 The Muddle Engineer found in the 'ME'

Q4 0.689 bar.

Brian Gibson 'O' Gauge

Open Day

The L.M.S. Joint Lines committee Will be holding a Running Session On Saturday 15th May 2004 & 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

And Finally

A young couple got married & went the Orient Express for their honeymoon. When they got back from the honeymoon, the bride immediately called her mother, who lived a couple of hours away. "Well, darling," said her mother, "how was the honeymoon?" "Oh, mother," she replied, "the honeymoon was wonderful! So romantic, we had a terrific time! But, mother, as soon as we returned, Sam began using really horrible language...stuff I'd never heard before...really terrible 4-letter words... You've got to come and get me and take me home...PLEASE MOTHER!" And the new bride began to sob over the telephone. "But, Darling," the mother countered, "WHAT 4-letter words?" "I can't tell you, mother," said the daughter, "they're too awful! COME AND GET ME, PLEASE!" "Darling daughter, you must tell me what has you so upset...tell mother the 4-letter words!" Still sobbing, the bride said,

"Mother...words like
DUST...WASH...IRON...COOK..."



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