

The monthly club
newsletter for
Bournemouth &
District Society of
Model Engineers

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A Message to all members

from the committee

To any club members who may have not had the opportunity to visit the track at Littledown, Please come along to the BarBQ on Wednesday, 17th August from about 1800hrs. It seems a shame not to take advantage of the superb installation that we have there. You will all be made very welcome, Fed and watered and with any luck we can play trains or chinwag all evening. The New club Loco "ShedonWheels" will be in operation, for anyone to drive, or you can dust off your own Loco's if you wish. Bournemouth and District Society of Model Engineers Committee

The missing piece of the puzzle has been found

Its true I tell you it has. What on earth is he rambling on about you ask? Has he finally managed to understand what women really want? Well it's like this; I have been a member for a few years now, not as many as most granted, but a few nevertheless. I have been quite happy and contented to plod along at Littledown on our track when the mood struck safe in the knowledge that the members that regularly turn up are always ready to lend a hand or offer some technical advice and sometimes just generally take the Mickey out of us 'new boys', but all in the best possible manner. The thing is that for me, something was missing; it certainly wasn't the company or facilities. No, for me my new found interest in the hobby has been visiting and actively taking part in other societies open days. Oh is that all you groan, 'We've been doing that for years' you reply,

hmm haven't seen much sign chaps! (Traction engine boys accepted). My last venture was to the Dreaming spires rally at Oxford where Thomas and I were treated to wonderful hospitality, which included tea, coffee, squash, food both hot and cold and a party to celebrate 50 years on the Saturday night that went on very late. I seem to recall through the haze of the night, (or was that free ale) a train ride with everyone on board singing 'happy birthday' to a visitor from another society. As we thundered on through the dark on a Tinkerbell driven by an airline pilot, I am convinced he though he was on finals to Heathrow. Still we took the Polly and the camper van and had many laps on the raised track all Saturday. Unfortunately the rain arrived on the Sunday and play was called off so we didn't get to drive on the ground level circuit maybe next visit, but if you get a chance to go to Oxford I can assure you they are a real friendly bunch I am looking forward to meeting up with some new made friends at the next rally. One thing is for sure, everyone who i met that has paid a visit to Bournemouth have all admired our track and its construction. Speaking of visiting, it's the Frimley and Ascot locomotive Society bash this coming weekend and yep Tom, Polly, Camper and I will be in attendance. I reckon some of you should come along for the event, I promise you wont fall off the end of the earth at the county boundary!

Earlier this year i volunteered to man the exhibition stand that the society had been invited to attend later on in the year but I am told from committee that due to lack of interest from the membership no one else wanted to assist so our invitation had to be declined, shame. Oh well I hope the Funlec event that is being organised is well supported, until then the tarmac terrorist is off on his travels, see you soon. ED



Diary Dates

14-Aug-05 3:30pm Hardanger Demo Nicki Merrifield **NOTE DATE CHANGE**

17-Aug-05 BBQ Littledown

19-21st Aug-05 Bristol Model Engineering and Hobbies Exhibition Thornbury Leisure Centre.

3-4th Sept-05 Pecorama Gala Weekend (Pete Waterman to open the event)

10/11-Sep-05 Luscombe Valley Autumn Run

21-Sep-05 tbc

25-Sep-05 Funlec Contact Dick Ganderton for details

19-Oct-05 tbc

16-Nov-05 tbc

18-Dec-05 Santa Special TBC

21-Dec-05 Christmas Party

24-Dec-05 Luscombe Valley Humbug Day

Chairmans Thoughts

Thanks to all of you that came along on our charity Sunday, who would have thought the day would have turned out so well and yet again the weather cleared up for us. The Crohn's and Colitis Association turned up and we all had a very enjoyable day and were able to make a nice donation to NACC. I have had an Email from them thanking us for our hospitality on the day and how they all enjoyed driving the Shed on Wheels. I hope the ladies will support the sewing (Hardanger) demonstration by Nicki at Littledown on 14th August. We now have two Gazebo's, one with sides to keep us comfortable in the hot sun (hopefully). The men can play trains and make the tea for the Ladies, (Diane asked are the men making the cakes as well?) Don't forget that this months meeting is not at the Muscliffe Centre but a BBQ at the TRACK. David Martin

Forthcoming Events by

other societies

ADSME 60th Aniversary Road & Stationary Engine Weekend Picket Piece Andover 13 - 14th August contact Hon Sec. Mr John Berry 18 Blackthorn Close, South Wonston, Winchester Tel/Fax 01962 882616 e-mail

john.berry@evansgrant.co.uk **FLMR** (Frimley & Ascot Locomotive Club) Visitor Weekend 12 - 14th August see www.flmr.org for lots of details or contact Peter Gardner on 01252 541999.

Bristol SME Exhibition 19 - 21st August Thornbury leisure centre details contact 0117 967 5878. **Harrow & Wembley SME Open days**, 27 - 29th August 10 - 6 each day contact R. Greenhill on 020 8248 0442 for details. **Basingstoke & District Model Engineering Society Gala Weekend 3 - 4th September**. This will have model boats, traction engines and an exhibition. Contact Malcolm Duckett on 01420 562835 for more details.

Last Months Competition

Q1 Machinery (or my new milling machine!)

Q2 Sweden 1978

Q3 Mercury

Q4 Warwickshire Exhibition Centre

This Months Competition

Q1 What is the name of the metal band that holds the rubber in on a pencil?

Q2 Which organisation has the saying 'Train One Save Many'?

Q3 What was the first man made object to move faster than the speed of sound?

Q4 To the Romans, Plumbum was what?

And Finally

A woman stopped by, unannounced, at her son's house. She knocked on the door and immediately walked in. She was shocked to see her daughter-in-law lying on the couch, totally naked. Soft music playing, and the aroma of perfume filling the room. "What are you doing?" she asked. "I'm waiting for John to come home from work," the daughter-in-law replied. "But you're naked!" the mother-in-law exclaimed. "This is my love dress," the daughter-in-law explained. "Love dress? But you're naked!" "John loves me to wear this dress," she explained. "It excites him to no end. Every time he sees me in this dress, he instantly becomes romantic and ravages me for hours on end. He can't get enough of me." > The mother-in-law walked out. When she got home, she undressed, showered, put on her best perfume, dimmed the lights, put on a romantic CD, laid on the couch waiting for her husband to arrive. Finally, her husband comes home, walks in and sees her lying there provocatively naked. "What are you doing?" he asked. "This is my love dress," she whispers sensually. "Needs ironing!" he says. "What's for dinner

