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Coach Trip to the London

Model Engineering on

Sunday 22nd January 2006

Most members are, I am sure, aware a coach has been booked for the above exhibition; thirty-nine people have put their names down for places. This brings us to just one below the break-even point. Currently there are thirteen more seats available, so if you would like to join us or know of anyone who might like to come, please let me know. If we do not attract more takers, I am sorry to say that I will be coming along the coach on the way home inviting members to contribute to the driver's tip. May I remind you that if you have put your name down for a place and have not paid for a ticket, I would like payment by our December Christmas Party please. Lastly can I ask that you let me know if you would like to be picked up at Ringwood at ten minutes past eight, the coach leaves Littledown at 8am. Brian Merrifield Tel 01202 683701

Visit to ModelWorks

Richard Knott has arranged for a small group to visit ModelWorks at their premises in Daventry on Wednesday 8th February. This will be limited to fifteen places and there are already five names on his list, so it is going to be first come first served. I see from AutoRoute it is 132 miles from Littledown about three hours by car. This should be a very interesting visit, seeing how the professionals do their model making and will give some of us a chance to see some of the differences between the original firm of Winson and the new owners. Please contact me if you are interested. Brian Merrifield Tel 01202 683701

In response to November's ramble by our esteemed editor, I feel it only fair to straighten out one or two slight inaccuracies that accidentally crept in. Mr Editor indicated that as I was working in slow mode, he decided to spend his time productively by providing his enthusiastic number one son Thomas with a model railway layout. However, Thomas is only allowed into the loft space when his dad is there, usually after bedtime and he frequently has difficulty sleeping

due to someone from above running a tight schedule on the new model railway layout. I am assured this all comes with full sound effects. None of this worries the lad because he is a genial person. However he has confessed to being embarrassed by the tatty anorak his dad has taken to wearing. Lastly, Thomas is a dedicated enthusiast for sure and he watches Arsenal whenever he can (apparently that is a football team). Brian

December Cheer

To respond in some form or another to the aforementioned comments by our esteemed events coordinator in a newsletter would to me seem trite, especially as I know that both Brian and his long suffering wife are very poorly and have taken to their beds, quite where he thinks he is going to get the Viagra from is beyond me, maybe he will make some knowing Brian!

Anyway the season of good cheer is upon us and we look forward to our third Santa Special this Sunday I am sure it will be a resounding success and will see you all there bright and early, happy smiling faces....

Next year sees the 25th volume of the newsletter and I would like to re run some articles from the past, if any member has anything from the archives tucked away however tatty please let me have them, I am sure all you hoarders out there have something that I can publish the older the better. Also next year a new feature will appear and it will focus on an individual each month. The article will be short but informative and tell you what each member's particular engineering interest is, I feel that we have a lot of talent in the club that some don't even realise, after all remember we don't just play trains. So if you fancy volunteering to be featured that would be fantastic, however I will be asking you at some stage to spill the beans on what you get up to in the workshop and what enticed you into model engineering!

For me that's it, for the King well we await the return of the newly made valve bobbins and cylinders, don't ask ok just don't!! Now where is that hammer I have some DCC chips to fit? ED



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Diary Dates

18-Dec-05 Santa Special

21-Dec-05 Christmas Party

24-Dec-05 Luscombe Valley Humbug Day ■

Chairmans Thoughts

Well it's come round to that time of year again, all systems are go for our Santa special on the 18th December. All help will be appreciated on the day. The scenery has all been checked out and the presents wrapped. This year we will have a new format, Santa's grotto will be in the log cabin.

On behalf of all the members I would like to thank Brian for organising a very enjoyable Ladies evening and hopefully we will invite the speaker back to give us a talk on the house at Kingston Lacey.

Just to remind those who will be going to the club's dinner please make your choices and return the slip with full payment by the 2nd January 2006 to Dick.

Hopefully we will see you all at the Christmas party on 21st December and I wish everybody a Happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

David Martin ■

Last Months Competition

A1 Legal

A2 Miss World

A3 25 Years

A4 Ronnie Barker ■

This Months Competition

Q1 Thomas Selfridge was the first man to be killed by what type of transport?

Q2 In which century was the world's first public railway opened?

Q3 Which is the only planet in our Solar System that is not named after either a Greek or Roman God?

Q4 Which European country began the tradition of exchanging gifts at Christmas time? ■

And Finally, a classic

A genuine response to a letter recieved by the Inland Revenue!

Dear Mr XXXX,

I am writing to you to express our thanks for your more than prompt reply to our latest communication, and also to answer some of the points you raise. I will address them, as ever, in order. Firstly, I must take issue with your description of our last as a "begging letter". It might perhaps more properly be referred to as a "tax demand". This is how we, at the Inland Revenue have always, for reasons of accuracy; traditionally referred to such documents. Secondly, your frustration at our adding to the "endless stream of crapulent whining and panhandling vomited daily through the letterbox on to the doormat" has been noted. However, whilst I have naturally not seen the other letters to which you refer I would cautiously suggest that their being from "pauper councils, Lombardy pirate banking houses and pissant gas-mongers" might indicate that your decision to "file them next to the toilet in case of emergencies" is at best a little ill-advised. In common with my own organisation, it is unlikely that the senders of these letters do see you as a "lackwit bumpkin or, come to that, a "sodding charity". More likely they see you as a citizen of Great Britain, with a responsibility to contribute to the upkeep of the nation as a whole. Which brings me to my next point. Whilst there may be some spirit of truth in your assertion that the taxes you pay "go to shore up the canker-blighted, toppling folly that is the Public Services", a moment's rudimentary calculation ought to disabuse you of the notion that the government in any way expects you to "stump up for the whole damned party" yourself. The estimates you provide for the Chancellor's disbursement of the funds levied by taxation, whilst colourful, are, in fairness, a little off the mark. Less than you seem to imagine is spent on "junkets for Bunterish lickspittles" and "dancing whores" whilst far more than you have accounted for is allocated to, for example, "that box-ticking facade of a university system." A couple of technical points arising from direct queries: 1. The reason we don't simply write "Muggins" on the envelope has to do with the vagaries of the postal system; 2. You can rest assured that "sucking the very marrows of those with nothing else to give" has never been considered as a practice because even if the Personal Allowance didn't render it irrelevant, the sheer medical logistics involved would make it financially unviable. I trust this has helped. In the meantime, whilst I would not in any way wish to influence your decision one way or the other, I ought to point out that even if you did choose to "give the whole foul jamboree up and go and live in India" you would still owe us the money. Please forward it by Friday.

Yours Sincerely,

XXX Customer Relations Inland Revenue ■



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