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Subscriptions OverDue

The treasurer is pleased to announce that as of 1st January 2005 all subscriptions will fall due. As before its £18.00 single and £19.00 joint. Cheques to M.Mortimer 18 Collwood close Poole Dorset BH15 3HF made payable to BDSME please. This will be the last newsletter you will receive if your subscriptions havent been paid ■

Salisbury Model Engineering Exhibition

An exhibition space has been reserved for us at the Salisbury Model Engineering Exhibition over the weekend of 12 / 13 March 2005, I am now looking for suitable models to display. Also we will need people to man the stand over the two days, the organisers will very kindly provide lunch for a small number of members manning the stand. Regarding security of the models there will be someone looking after them all of the time they are in the show day and night. If you would like to exhibit a model please let me know as soon as possible. Thanks Brian ■

For those of us that attended the exhibition at Alexandra palace a big thank you to the organiser Brian Merrifield, executed like clockwork and all on time. The day and the company was very pleasant, the venue I feel far better than Wembley even the catering was of a very good standard if any of you didn't take your sandwich tins. Being referred to as the 'cheque book modeller' I seemed to live up to the reputation having come away from there some £200 lighter and only a handful of bits to show for it, still when am I ever going to get the time to make my own screws! For any of you that are interested the 5" Gauge jigsaw puzzle is starting to take shape with the frames, horns, axle box's, spring hangers all assembled, work on the cylinders and motion is now underway, so who is this guy Willy Shirts? Was he drunk when he invented this valve gear? Oh well onwards and upwards.

I didn't get a chance last month as everyone else wanted to have there say, but a big thank you to all the guys that rolled out the traction engines for our Christmas special, I know a few members even got to have a play with one or two and I don't think it would be to long before we may see some more in the society, I still have my eye on a showmen's engine! It was a shame that the

Loctite man was unable to give his presentation at our last meeting due to a last minute commitment, but good old Graham Osmond stepped in at the last moment and showed us all the work that has been going on with the new traverser, I personally had no idea of the amount of attention to detail that has gone in so far, I'm sure that when it is delivered to the site it will be as smooth as a baby's b*m! For our members that cant get to the track or our club nights, Dave Martin has sold the Mona parts that no one bid on at our auction on Ebay, so the club accounts are healthier as a result. At the time of writing the fate of the Juliet and Ebay are still outstanding.

I have an appeal to any of our members, in June the management of Polly Model engineering will be giving us a talk on the manufacturing process and the company, we need to borrow a computer projector for the talk, does anyone or could anyone lend us one for the evening as I no longer have access to one, if you have please let me know. Dont forget the events taking place at Luscombe Valley Railway this year, as sson as i get the dates I will let you know. In the meanwhile Happy steaming. ED ■

Can I start by thanking those who supported our coach trip to the model engineering exhibition last month. We were fortunate to have the support of several members of the Southampton ME society as well and consequently all the seats were taken, resulting in a profit for the club. I would also like to thank Graham Osmond for agreeing to bring forward his presentation on the building of the new traverser from July to our January meeting. This came about when Paul Carter from Loctite had to cancel his presentation due to work commitments just a week prior to the meeting. I have to say that I found Graham's description and methods of work interesting and thoroughly enjoyable. Unfortunately I now need a speaker for the July meeting after the AGM so volunteers would be most welcome, otherwise I will be twisting arms quite soon! Looking forward to the weekend 12/ 13 March, we are now committed to providing a display of models for the Salisbury Model Engineering Exhibition. I am sure those who visited last years exhibition will agree that this is a splendid venture and worth our support. I think we are fortunate to have a ME society large and able enough to be able to put on such an event so close by. I have enough models promised for our display, though most of them are locomotives. Brian Merrifield ■

Diary Dates

- 16-Feb-05 Richard Knott Video evening
- 12/13 Mar -05 Salisbury Model engineering Exhibition
- 16-Mar-05 David Boot / Ron Archibald Illustrated talk on building IC engines
- 16/17/Apr/05 Southampton ME Society Open Weekend
- 20-Apr-05 Bits and Pieces Bring along whatever you are working on open to all Ladies and Gentlemen
- 18-May-05 tbc
- 15-Jun-05 tbc
- 17-Jun-05 Andy Clark - Polly Models
- 18-Jun-05 Polly's in The Park
- 19-Jun-05 Club Open Day
- 9&10/Jul-05 JP Morgan TBC
- 20-Jul-05 AGM
- 17-Aug-05 tbc
- 21-Sep-05 tbc
- 25-Sep-05 Funlec Volunteers needed to assist Dick Ganderton to run this event
- 19-Oct-05 tbc
- 16-Nov-05 tbc
- 21-Dec-05 Christmas Party

Chairmans Thoughts

Diane and I attended the annual dinner for the first time at the Crooked Beams last month and we had a very enjoyable night, the meal, the company and surroundings were excellent. Thanks Dick for organising the evening and booking the restaurant for next year. I took a few photos and will try to email them to those who attended.

The parts of the Mona that I sold on Ebay have been collected by a member of the Brighton Society. The money will go into a separate account for future building projects. The other good news is that the Juliet went on Ebay on Friday 4th February and when we looked on Saturday 5th we had a bid at its starting price so by the time you read this it should be sold and I will let you all know what we got for it. If you go on Ebay to have a look, the hard bit of setting it up was done by my son Kevin I did the easy bit of telling him what I wanted done and left him to sort it out. He has also set up a movie on our web site of Norman Cole demonstrating his Wimshurst machine. If any of you have had a look I would appreciate some feed back. The application has gone into The Awards For All for the new station building, all I have had back so

far is an acknowledgement, watch this space. Work is about to start at the track on various projects and maintenance work now the weather is starting to improve. At our next club night we can arrange who is prepared to help with what and when. David Martin

This Months Competition

- Q1 Where in England was the first Iron Bridge?
- Q2 What did Charles Boys invent?
- Q3 Eric Roberts Laithwaite invented what?
- Q4 Who was the first woman to win the Nobel peace prize?

Last Months Competition

- Q1 Squint
- Q2 4 1/2"
- Q3 Coca Cola
- Q4 Artillery shell

And Finally

Two weeks ago was my 44th birthday and I wasn't feeling too good that morning. I went to breakfast knowing my wife would be pleasant and say, "Happy Birthday!", and probably have a present for me. As it turned out, she didn't even say good morning, let alone any happy birthday. I thought, well, that's wives for you, the children will remember...The children came in to breakfast and didn't say a word. So when I left for the office, I was feeling pretty low and despondent.. As I walked into my office, my secretary Janet said, "Good morning, Boss, Happy Birthday". And I felt a little better that someone had remembered. I worked until noon, then Janet knocked on my door and said, "You know, it's such a beautiful day outside, and it's your birthday, let's go to lunch, just you and me."

I said, "By George, that's the greatest thing I've heard all day. "Let's go!" We went to lunch We didn't go where we normally go; instead we went out to a private little place. We had two martinis and enjoyed lunch tremendously. On the way back to the office, she said, "You know, it's such a beautiful day. We don't need to go back to the office, do we?" I said, No, I guess not." She said, "Let's go to my apartment." After arriving at her apartment she said, "Boss, if you don't mind, I think I'll go into the bedroom. "Sure!" I excitedly replied. She went into the bedroom and, in about six minutes, she came out carrying a huge birthday cake — followed by my wife, children, and dozens of our friends, all singing Happy Birthday. And I just sat there... on the couch...

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