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Editors Bit!

Not much from the editor this month, 'Thank God' I hear you say. Thing is there is a lot of things happening and people to be thanked so this month I have left it up to 'The Few' Dont worry there is always next month. I also have a rather large jigsaw puzzle in my 'shed' that needs to resemble a King sooner rather than later, so times a pressing. Interestingly enough the Juliet didnt sell at our Christmas meeting as you will read in the Chairmans bit, I understand that its soon to be on Ebay, worth watching. One thing whilst I remember, letters to the editor would be nice, come on chaps get the quill's out and send something in for publication. Happy steaming ED

Chairmans Thoughts

Father Christmas has been and gone for another year, again all went well thanks to all the members who helped and a special thanks to Nicola and Brian for organising and taking all the bookings which made the day run like clockwork (no pun intended Brian).

Over the Christmas holiday I was fortunate to have two Wednesdays off so I have been up to the track, on the first one I ran my own 3 1/2 inch Miss Ten Two Eight the only problem being was when the safety valves blew you could not see where you were going for the steam, still I had a good day it beats working. On the second Wednesday I took the Juliet and Speedy to the track to test them both by one of the clubs testers. The Juliet now has a full boiler certificate and grate, so if any member would be interested please contact me with an offer, if not I will put it on Ebay. The Speedy was filled with water and pumped up and after stopping a few leaks from various clacks etc it passed its hydraulic test. It was then decided to fire it up with the aid of a loan ash pan and grate from Martin who also had a blower that fitted, it took a bit of time to get up to pressure but again all went reasonably well and it was decided by the tester and witness it would pass muster. I cleaned the Speedy down with paraffin not easy stuff to buy now as there are not many ironmongers around still Buxton's in Moordown still sells it by the gallon. Well now as caretaker I will endeavour with some help to get it into running order.

It just remains for me to wish everyone a very Happy New Year. David Martin

Salisbury Model Engineer- ing 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

Annual Society Dinner Last

Chance

The Society's Annual Dinner will be held on Wednesday 26th January 2005 at the Crooked Beams Restaurant, Jumpers, Christchurch. The price is £16.25 for the 3-course meal including Coffee and Mints. Menus from Dick Ganderton (01202) 822701 and payment, with your choices, also to Dick. Please return to Dick Ganderton, 'Graskop', Dewlands Road, Verwood, Dorset BH31 6PN, with payment, as soon as possible. Cheques made out to B&DSME, please, not to Dick. Regards Dick

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.

Alexandra Palace Model

Engineering Exhibition

Sunday 23rd January 2005

The details for the coach trip are as follows: First pick-up is Littledown at the lmain steps tp the centre, coach departs 7-30am prompt, next pick-up at Ringwood at the normal bus / coach stop adjacent to the Furlong Pub coach departs 8am last pick-up Southampton Bitterne Park approximately 8-45am. Coach Alexander Palace departs 4pm for home. I would like to know who is intending to use the Ringwood pick-up. Tel 01202 683701

Diary Dates

19-Jan-05 Paul Carter How to stick things that nearly fit together with Loctite.

23-Jan-05 London ME Coach Trip

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 / Graham Osmond The Building of a Traverser

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

Santa Special

As I drove through the rain to Littledown on the morning of Sunday 19th the prospect of setting up in the rain was not very appealing. However by the time I had unloaded the car the rain had stopped and was not to return for the rest of the day. From then on the day passed for me in a haze of activity helping to erecting the tent for Santa's grotto and installing the scenery including carpet! By 11 O'clock when the first of the days passengers arrived everything was in place and ready. During the afternoon I looked across the station area and could see people and smiling faces every where, all because of this society and your presence. The organising team – Richard Harvey, Nicola and I – would like to say a big thank you to all those who turned up and on the day.

Brian

This Months Competition

Q1 What is Strabismus?

Q2 What is the diameter in inches of a golf hole?

Q3 What did Dr.J.Pemberton concoct in 1886?

Q4 In 1891 Henry Shrapnel invented what?

Last Months Competition

Q1 John Wilkinson

Q2 Shot Tower

Q3 Anesthesia

Q4 He bored the cylinders for James Watts steam engine

And Finally

One evening last week, my wife & I were getting into bed. Well, the passion starts to heat up, and she eventually says, "I don't feel like it, I just want you to hold me." I said "WHAT?????!!!" What was that?!" So she says the words that every husband on the planet dreads to hear... "You're just not in touch with my emotional needs as a woman enough for me to satisfy your physical needs as a man." She responded to my puzzled look by saying, "Can't you just love me for who I am and not what I do for you in the bedroom?" Realizing that nothing was going to happen that night, I went to sleep.

The very next day I opted to take the day off of work to spend time with her We went out to a nice lunch and then went shopping at a big, big unnamed dept. store. I walked around with her while she tried on several different very expensive outfits. She couldn't decide which one to take so I told her we'll just buy them all. She wanted new shoes to compliment her new clothes, so I said lets get a pair for each outfit. We went on to the jewellery dept. where she picked out a pair of diamond earrings. Let me tell you...she was so excited. She must have thought I was one wave short of a shipwreck. I started to think she was testing me because she asked for a tennis bracelet when she doesn't even know how to play tennis. I think I threw her for a loop when I said, "That's fine, honey." She was almost nearing satisfaction from all of the excitement. Smiling with excited anticipation she finally said, "I think this is all dear, let's go to the cashier". I could hardly contain myself when I blurted out, "No honey, I don't feel like it." Her face just went completely blank as her jaw dropped with a baffled WHAT????!!!" I then said, "Really honey! I just want you to HOLD this stuff for awhile. You're just not enough in touch with my financial needs as a man for me to satisfy your shopping needs as a woman." And just when she had this look like she was going to kill me, I added "Why can't you just love me for who I am and not for the things I buy you?" Apparently I'm not having sex tonight either.



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