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Club Loco Wanted

By the time you get this months newsletter the Exhibition at Salisbury will be due to start, for those that are helping out please don't forget as Brian has put a lot of effort into this. Unfortunately that is the weekend that I am moving house so I don't think I will get a chance to come out and play which is a shame as I had promised to bring the camper van and man the stand for the weekend, never mind I expect all those that are going will look resplendent in there corporate BDSME shirts. On the subject of the shirts, I have an order pending for 4 and as you know it has to be 6 at a time, so is there anyone else that is considering it, if so please let me know or send me the details and I can place another order. If you have received this month's newsletter thank you it means that you have paid your subscription, either that or our treasurer has made a booboo. If you know someone that hasn't and you think they should have best let me know and I will see Mike. Dave Martin tells us that the Speedy is coming along and should be in steam shortly, that gives the society another working loco for the members to use if they fancy a drive.

The committee have commissioned the building or purchase of a club Battery Locomotive for use as a passenger hauling tool, this will relieve the burden on a few members loco's that always seem to bear the brunt of the work. The Loco must be a 7 1/4" Gauge 0-4-0 style; it must also be a realistic looking engine, but not necessarily scale. If any member would care to build this then the treasurer will be pleased to pay you for the loco. If you fancy taking on this project please could you submit your designs or plans to any committee member before the next newsletter? If no one wants to undertake this project then the committee will purchase the loco. Perhaps a member knows of a suitable machine. The trolley manufacturing plant is well underway and by June the society should see the introduction of 10 new trolleys, that is 8 six foot and 2 three foot versions. This will be a great asset to the society and thanks must be bestowed on the team, the timing is impeccable, as this will give us around 17 for the Polly's in the Park Weekend and open day, that along with a completed spur will make our visiting societies

pretty envious. I have received a few last minute notices of events that other societies are running, some of these clash with our own however! North Wilts Gala weekend at Coate Water is the 18th & 19th June details can be obtained from there secretary, Les Stiff on 01249 814732. Also The Isle Of Wight Model Engineering Society are holding there 21st Loco Rally on Sunday 24th April Details can be obtained from the secretary Mr K.Stratton on 01983 531384, the later event has a marine section as well so if you have a odel boat you are welcome to take it along. Until our next meeting happy steaming (or battering if your that way inclined!) ED

Chairmans Thoughts

As you all know the Juliet now has a new home in Southampton and the owner seems very pleased with her. This has also helped the club funds for the future.

The work on the spur is progressing slowly due mainly to the cold weather I hope it warms up soon.

At the last committee meeting it was agreed to purchase some basic tools. They are now at the track, all I would ask is if you use them please put them back where you found them and if they get broken let me know so they can be replaced. It was also suggested that we have a club battery electric loco at the track for general use. The battery could be on a permanent charger, I wonder if anybody has any free time to spare and take this on as a project, the club will pay for the parts and battery etc subject to some basic plans being agreed.

Martin asked in a previous newsletter for members to give him details of their locos so he could formulate a list. So if you have not already done it write it down or email it to him. Another thought would also be to give him any details of loco drawings that members may have. Hopefully I should have heard about The Awards For All for the application for the new station building by the next meeting - they say no news is good news. David Martin

Diary Dates

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

16/17-Apr-05 Luscombe Valley

20-Apr-05 Bits and Pieces Bring along whatever you are working on open to all Ladies and Gentlemen

5-May-05 Verwood Brownies BBQ Littledown

15-May-05 Traction Engine Day Littledown

18-May-05 Paul Carter How to stick things together

8-Jun-05 Wimborne Gauge O Guild BBQ Littledown

15-Jun-05 Chris Harris Bullied Pacifics

17-Jun-05 Andy Clark - Polly Models Muscliff centre

18-Jun-05 Polly's in The Park

19-Jun-05 Club Open Day

22-Jun-05 Wimborne Gauge O Guild

9&10/Jul-05 JP Morgan TBC

20-Jul-05 AGM

24-Jul-05 Charity Day Chrones & Colitis Association

30/31-Jul-05 Luscombe Valley Grand charity day Prostrate Cancer

7-Aug-05 Hardanger Demo Nicki Merrifield

17-Aug-05 BBQ Littledown

21-Sep-05 tbc

25-Sep-05 Funlec Volunteers needed to assist Dick Ganderton to run this event

19-Oct-05 tbc

10-Nov-05 Luscombe Valley Open Day

16-Nov-05 tbc

18-Dec-05 Santa Special TBC

21-Dec-05 Christmas Party

24-Dec-05 Luscombe Valley Humbug Day

Salisbury Model Engineering Exhibition

Remember its Saturday & Sunday

This Months Competition

Q1 What are scientists in Tanzania training rats to sniff out?

Q2 On which car manufacturer would you see a Viking ship?

Q3 In 1905 Mary Anderson patented what, to help motorists see the road more clearly?

Q4 What is the name given to the oblong block of iron poured from a blast furnace? ■

Last Months Competition

Q1 Ironbridge

Q2 Gas Meter

Q3 Magnetic Levitating Train

Q4 Dorothy Hodgkin (Insulin) ■

And Finally

An Englishman was having coffee and croissants with butter and jam in a cafe, when an American tourist, chewing gum, sat down next to him. The Englishman politely ignored the American who, nevertheless, started up a conversation. American snapped the gum in his mouth and said, "Do you English folk eat the whole bread?" The Englishman frowned, annoyed at being bothered during his breakfast and replied, "Yes, of course we do!" The American blew a huge bubble. "We don't. In the States we only eat what's inside. The crusts we collect in a container, recycle them, transform them into croissants and sell them to England." The American had a smirk on his face, the Englishman listened in silence. The American persisted. "D'ya eat jam with the bread?" Sighing, the Englishman replied, "Yes." Cracking the gum between his teeth, the American said, "We don't. In the States we eat fresh fruit for breakfast, we put all the peels, seeds, and leftovers in containers, recycle them, transform them into jam, and sell it to England." The Englishman then asked, "Do you have sex in the States?" The Yank smiled and said, "Yeah, of course we do." The Englishman leant closer to him and asked, "What do you do with the condoms once you've used them?" "We throw them away of course," replied the American. Now it was the Englishman's turn to smile. "We don't. In England, we put them in containers, recycle them, melt them down and transform them into chewing gum and sell them to the States, that's why it's called ".....". ■



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