

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

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New Boiler Regs.

New rules and regulations regarding Boiler Testing & Test certificates come into force on Jan 1st 2006, The new test procedures require the owner of the Boiler to have details of the Boiler size/ Working pressure in Bars and capacity in Litres before a test can be done. It's not really very complicated but is a change to previous procedures, further details will be available on application to the clubs appointed Boiler Testers.

Dave Finn ■

Subscriptions Now Due

The treasurer is pleased to announce that as of 1st January 2006 all subscriptions are 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.

A Thank You Note

On behalf of the ladies who came to the National Trust evening, I'd like to thank the gents who supplied us with delicious chocolates and biscuits and waited on us so attentively with tea and coffee. Thanks for a lovely evening.

Margaret Baker ■

Visit to Modelworks

There are still some places for the visit to Modelworks so if you would like to join us on Wednesday 8th February please let me know.

Brian Merrifield ■

Model Engineering

Exhibition

The coach for the London ME exhibition is now full with all 52 seats taken. It is so satisfying to have such a magnificent response from the members and makes the effort worthwhile so a big thanks from me. Brian Merrifield

Last Months Competition

A1 Aeroplane

A2 England

A3 Earth

A4 Italy ■

Chairmans Thoughts

The morning of the Santa special started very cold, with the track frozen in places but we were not deterred, everybody mucked in and we were soon set up. We even had time for a Bacon Roll and a cup of tea before our 11am start. The rush of passengers quietened down at lunch time enabling us to grab a sandwich and cup of soup which was most welcome by one and all. Thanks to all the members who helped and a special thanks to Irene and David for organising and taking all the bookings. One thing I noticed is how we all worked as a team, just getting on with the task in hand to make the day a great success and hopefully we should see many of the children back for a ride in the summer.

Our annual Christmas party went off well with plenty of nibbles to be had. The raffle went off well with plenty of prizes to be won by the lucky ones. Thanks ladies for looking after us so well as usual.

Projects for the New Year

1. Lay the power cable to the new station building.
2. New platform and fencing.
3. The Traverser.

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

New Year New Format

Indeed as promised on the second page each month I will feature a member of the society in a light hearted interview style. I intend to put it on the back page along with the diary so you have to read it! Seriously i think it will be interesting to read & learn about other members and there interests. The saga of the King continues as the boiler has now arrived some two years since its commision and only 2 Grands worth! Should be an interesting article at the next bits and pieces evening, if I can still carry it having to sell an arm to pay for it.

We set sail to the mecca of exhibitions Sinsheim at midnight, so if number one son has earned his pocket money you should be reading this as I and my fellow troops sample the delights of the many beer kellers. Your round Ingram! ■



Diary Dates

Date	Event / Speaker
18-Jan-06	Harry Blake - 3D Slide Show
22-Jan-06	London ME Coach Trip
15-Feb-06	Richard Knott - Video Evening
15-Mar-06	Peter Kent Mason - Talyllyn Railway
19-Apr-06	Bits and Pieces (inc ladies items)
17-May-06	TBC
21-Jun-06	TBC
19-Jul-06	AGM + 2nd Bits & Pices
16-Aug-06	BBQ Littledown
20-Sep-06	TBC
18-Oct-06	TBC
15-Nov-06	Ladies night
20-Dec-06	Christmas Party

Profile Of A Member

For the first in a series of profiles I decided to start at the top and what better way than with our president Dick Mantle. Now a lot of people know Dick & His wife Val far better than I do so it was with some trepidation that I rang Dick and asked if he wouldn't mind talking about his past, Michael Aspel I'm not but It was obvious during our conversation that he loved Locomotives and model engineering, thanks to Dick and Val for sparing me the time for our first profile. Here are his thoughts to my questions.

How long have you been a member? "I have been a member since the age of 30 so that makes 47 years now", "it started at Kinson with a group of men of all ages and they were all smashing blokes".

What models have you built? "Over the years I have built many locomotives which was my passion, I built a Speedy, a Butch, a Sweet Pea & an Atlantic". "I wanted to

build a King but my Illness forced me to give up model engineering, they were all 5" gauge". **What was your Illness if you don't mind me asking?** "I suffered a stroke some 11 years ago and decided to sell everything rather than see it go to waste as I couldn't do model engineering anymore" **Any favourites?** "All of them whilst I was building them, I used to enjoy the making more than the running really." **Tell me about your workshop?** "Well that was my shed, it was small but well equipped, and it had all I needed including a Myford Super Seven & Mill" Val used to let me go down to the bottom of the garden and unwind after a frustrating day at work, all the troubles of the day seem to go away". "It was absolutely great to be able to make something" **What was your Career?** "I trained as an Electrical Engineer working for Aish & Co. & then spent the last 25 years of my working life before retiring working for Websters". "The last 5 years were the most frustrating and my model engineering helped me immensely" **Over the years, what's the one invention you feel has changed the way we live?** "Electricity is the one thing that has changed the face of the world and we can't do without it". **So what's the thing you have done in your life you enjoyed most?** "Definitely model engineering, without a doubt that's the one passion I have always had and enjoyed every bit of it." **Anything you haven't enjoyed?** "No nothing really, not even my time in the Royal Engineers during National service in Gibraltar". "I have recently joined the Royal Engineers Association and they are marvellous". **As an engineer what's the one thing you would have liked to invent or work on?** "A full size locomotive, I would have loved to have been at the Swindon works and designed a full size loco." **So what are your thoughts for the future?** "Well I am just happy to be here really, I love going to the club meetings, every one of the members has been good to me and they are all smashing in there own individual way it's a really nice society and I am glad to be a member" ■

