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Chairman's Thoughts

We were again fortunate with the weather on Monday 9th July for the group of children from Belarus who visited us at the track. They enjoyed being driven around the track and finished off with a finger buffet. We got a mention in the *Echo* about this and there is also a small video on the *Echo's* web page for those with broad band go to <http://www.bournemouthecho.co.uk/echo/videonews/index.var.6158.0.0.php> to view the video. Thanks to all those who helped with a very worthwhile afternoon. Unfortunately the weather forced the second visit, scheduled for Thursday 26th July, to be postponed, but this was rearranged for Wednesday 1st August.

The Officers and Committee have been duly elected for another year and I would like to thank those who have retired from their duties and wish them all the best for the future. I have prepared, on a separate sheet, a breakdown of the new platform, as requested at the AGM.

While on the subject of the Accounts, do we have a member in the Society who is an accountant and would be prepared to give us some free advice on preparing the Society's Annual Accounts?

Our Charity Day is on Sunday 12th August



in aid of **Macmillan Cancer Support** and on the same day the 16mm track will be officially opened by the Mayor of Bournemouth, Councillor Anne Filer at 12.00. Lunch will be provided for members, but cakes would be appreciated for afternoon tea.



I received an e-mail from Frank (Northeast Florida Live Steamers & Railroaders) with two pictures of NZR J1211 Gloria. One in the depot shed at Plimmerton, Wellington, and one crossing the Hutt River just north of Wellington, earlier this year, together with the following text:

"It is 3' 6" gauge, with 54" driving wheels and is capable of 90 mph. It's the last series of NZR steam, from 1939 to 1956. Half were built in NZ at Dunedin and the others by North British in Scotland. They were all roller bearing engines, air reverse, Baker valve gear and very efficient. I think about five survive. This one has had the streamlining restored. All had been de-streamlined during WW II."

Don't forget that this month's meeting on 15th August is **not** at the Muscliffe Centre but at the TRACK.

The next **Committee Meeting** will be held at 7.30 pm on 29th August in the Littledown Centre.

David Martin

John Adams

It is with sadness that I have to report that John Adams, who was over here from Spain with his wife, Grace, to stay with his daughter, died over the weekend. He had been quite ill for some time, but it seems as though he wanted to come home knowing his time was near.

Richard Knott

With the passing of John Adams the hobby has lost probably its finest craftsman, certainly in the construction of miniature locomotives.

Although he was a professional builder, working to commissions, he was ever ready with help and advice and always had a masterpiece to display if the Society was organising a show or event.

In later years he built a traction engine, complete with trailer and some small artillery pieces, all to his usual impeccable standard.

A quiet, modest man, this true gentleman will be sadly missed.

An obituary will appear in a later *Newsletter*

Newsletter By E-mail

If you want to receive your copy of the Society's monthly *Newsletter* as a .pdf file, attached to an e-mail, then you **must** let Dick know, by e-mail, sent from the computer you want to receive it on.

Websites Worth Visiting

Here are some more Websites that Members have suggested you could find interesting.

<http://www.sdjr.net>

An interesting site dealing with all things to do with the Somerset & Dorset Joint Railway **Ted Rouse**

<http://www.wdsltd.co.uk>

This company offers an interesting and useful range of engineering parts and tools that can be ordered on-line. They have no small order surcharge, no minimum order quantity and no carriage on web orders.

<http://engineer.therustybolt.com>

A new forum dedicated to model engineering. Some of the boards within the forum are: 3.5", 4.75 / 5" and 7.25 / 7.5" Gauge Railroads; Static Engines (Internal Combustion and Live Steam) and Live Steam Ships and Boats. Membership is completely free and secure.

16mm Narrow Gauge Progress

The weather and our trusty band of helpers have been kind to us and the complete track is now operational. Only cosmetic work remains, which bodes well for the official opening of the 16mm track by the Mayor of Bournemouth, Councillor Anne Filer on Sunday 12th August at 12 o'clock.

Some initial settling in problems are expected with track alignment and levels, but these will be dealt with as they occur. At the time of writing battery and steam powered locomotives and their rolling stock have traversed the complete track on proving runs and it is anticipated that additional proving runs in 16mm form will be conducted within the next few days. An 0 Gauge steam loco has run on an 'out & back' configuration successfully, but a full track run is awaited.

We are afraid the rockery within the top loop is still looking rather bare. We have had promises of plants, but this is not really the time of year to do major replanting.

Gordon Miles & David White



Speedy News

Things have progressed well over the past month. The frames returned from Lincoln, having had the horn guides machined by Ken Cottle and Ron Challener has almost completed machining the new axle boxes. This ties in nicely with his other project of assembling a Modelworks *Likamobile*, which has been waiting for its boiler to arrive since last October and has just found its way to Poole.

Speedy's boiler continues to make good progress, Merlin has silver soldered the barrel to the outer firebox wrapper and the tube cluster to the inner firebox. He has cut and profiled the material for the foundation ring allowing the two parts of the boiler to be permanently fixed together on the next silver soldering session we have at Martin Cuff's house in the middle of the month.

I should have mentioned some time ago that John Hoyle acquired a full propane gas bottle for our use from his daughter, who has just changed the fuel she uses for cooking in her house. The timing could not have been better as Martin's bottle ran out rather sooner than expected.

Once the frames, axle boxes and wheels are back with me I will need someone to make a set of coupling and connecting rod bushes and a set of crank pins fitting into the wheels. As usual you can give me a call to volunteer on 01202 683701.

Brian Merryfield

Editor's Ramblings

Once again this is a short *Newsletter* - due to the Editor's left hand having had an unfortunate meeting with the rotating propellor of his Super 60 radio controlled aeroplane. With only two thumbs and four fingers operational, working on the computer is a lot slower than normal. The good news is that the surgeon managed to reassemble it all and I should be able to count up to 9.5.

It just shows that one small mistake, or lapse of concentration, can have very serious consequences when operating rotating machinery. So, be extra careful in the workshop. I know that I will be!

Please note that the **Copy Date** for the September issue of the **Newsletter** is Thursday 29th August.

Dick Ganderton

B&DSME Diary Dates

12 th August	Charity Weekend in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support 16mm Track Opening 12.00 by the Mayor of Bournemouth Littledown Miniature Railway.
15 nd August	Monthly Meeting; 7.00 pm. Littledown Miniature Railway.
6 nd September	Monthly Informal Technical Discussion Meeting; 7.00 for 7.30 pm. Muscliff Community Centre.

Other Events

Bristol Model Engineering Exhibition
17th - 19th August 2007

Model Engineer Exhibition
17th - 19th September 2007

Malden & Dist.SME Open Weekend
17th - 19th August 2007
Let Dave Finn know if you want to attend.

Midlands Model Engineering Exhibition
12th - 16th October 2007
www.meridienneexhibitions.co.uk/html/midlands_model_engineering_exh.html

Luscombe Valley Happenings

Richard Knott has now arranged the dates for his 'Steam Enthusiast Weekends'. You will be able to run, shunt and do what you want with no public or serious passenger hauling to spoil your enjoyment. As Richard says, "Luscombe Valley as it used to be!"

Autumn Running Weekend 8th & 9th September

Steam Enthusiast Weekend
29th & 30th September

Humbug Day December 22nd

