

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

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## Chairman's Thoughts

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May saw the laying of the Turntable base. Thanks to those who turned up to help. We were fortunate with the weather, as it did not rain until the following Monday, but it will need at least four weeks to cure before we carry out any further work on it.

Our Open Weekend is the 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> June and any help by members would be appreciated, even if it's just for a couple of hours on either day. On Saturday afternoon there will be a BBQ at 3.30pm.

The Meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> June will **not** be at the Muscliff Centre, but will take the form of a BBQ at Littledown when we will be entertaining members of the Gauge 0 Guild and MERG, so bring your locos for an evening run. Cakes would be appreciated for Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June please. Also please don't forget that we are the guests of the Gauge 0 Guild at the Allendale Centre, Wimborne on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00 for 7.30pm.

On the 24<sup>th</sup> June I will be going to London to participate in the **Colitis & Crohn's Millennium Sponsored Walk** to raise funds and spread the word: "Teenagers and young adults are most at risk of developing Colitis and Crohn's". Hopefully I can twist the arms of some of you to sponsor the Martin family in the walk, Diane, Kevin and Robert will be joining me.

The position of Events Coordinator is still vacant and needs filling. Without this post being

filled our meetings could degenerate to nothing more than a general discussion each month!

It was agreed at the last Committee Meeting to purchase a metal work bench for the Engine Shed and a tool vault to store the electrical tools.

The July Meeting is the AGM and with this Newsletter you should find the official Notice of the Meeting and a Nomination Form so that you can nominate anyone for the various Posts and Offices in both the Society and Company.

For our recent Exhibition, Jean Brookes baked a tray of cream cakes, which were scoffed down by those 'on duty' on the Sunday. Unfortunately, I managed to miss out, but I understand that, in true Jean Brookes tradition, they tasted delicious.

The next **Committee Meeting** is at the **Littledown Centre** on **27th June** at **7.30 pm**.



David Martin

## Editor's Ramblings

Peggy is now a lot better and has been declared almost fit to fly, but I have developed problems with my left big toe, so it looks as if our Granddaughter Inspection will have to be postponed until the autumn. At least the air fares should have returned to an affordable level by then!

Mike at the Ringwood Town & Country Experience Museum is managing to get his material supply department organised and he now has a price list. I ordered some steel sections from him and his prices are competitive for short lengths. There is also the convenience factor to take into account. We dropped in yesterday lunch time to have a cup of coffee and a bite to eat in

the Muse Restaurant and I picked up my steel order at the same time.

While drinking our coffee, Peggy noticed that they do Murder Mystery Evenings in the Autumn. Would there be enough interest among members to book one of these just for ourselves? The maximum numbers that can be catered for is 30. The cost is £20.00 per head and includes a 2-course meal as well as the evening's 'entertainment'. Let me know if you would be interested and I will see what can be organised.

**Please note that the Copy Date for the July issue of the Newsletter is Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June.**

Dick Ganderton





Laser Cutting Service

I have recently had some items laser cut in mild steel by Weland in Hythe. The picture shows a set of boiler flanging plates, a frame stretcher and pony truck frames for a 5" Gauge Ivatt Class 2 2-6-2T, leaf spring girdles and brackets, two sets of 3 1/2" Gauge loco and tender frames and two sets of coupling and connecting rod blanks to match. This was the quantity of parts needed to get to Weland's current minimum order value of £94.00 including VAT. The cost of the material is included in this price.

They will work from hand drawings, preferably full size, with metric dimensions shown. CAD drawings on computer disk are acceptable, but do check the file type with them first, as not all file types can be accessed by them. Mine were .dwg.

It may be worth several Society Members getting together to make up an order big enough to exceed the minimum order value. Turn round time is 7-10 days.

The contact at Weland is Anthony and Weland's telephone number is 02380 849747, Fax 02380 849054 or their web site is at <http://www.weland.co.uk/>

Nick Feast

Turntable Progress

The concrete slab for the new Steaming Bay Turntable has now been cast and will be left to cure for a couple of months before the various bits of the Turntable are bolted down.

When the new Turntable is completed we will be able to start regular running in the opposite direction, giving us a completely different experience as well as equalising the wear on the trolley wheels.



16mm Narrow Gauge Progress

If, like me (GM), you may not have been able to visit the Littledown site for the last three or four weeks due to holidays or other reasons, particularly on a Wednesday when the 16mm track gang have had the security covers off, you may have assumed that little progress has been made. In fact all the track and points, apart from the bottom return loop, have been laid and tested using a battery powered loco.

The security system that we have adopted seems to have achieved at least three of the objectives of hiding and protecting the track itself from vandals and the weather. Only time will tell if it's successful.

Gordon Miles & Dave White



## B&DSME Diary Dates

7 <sup>nd</sup> June	Monthly Informal Technical Discussion Meeting; 7.00 for 7.30 pm. Muscliff Community Centre.
13 <sup>nd</sup> June	Visit to Gauge 0 Guild. 7.00 for 7.30 pm. Allendale Centre, Hanham Road, Wimborne, BH21 1AS.
16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Open Weekend; Littledown Miniature Railway.
20 <sup>nd</sup> June	Monthly Meeting; 6.30 pm. Littledown Miniature Railway. <b>Please note the change of venue.</b> Barbecue. Hosting the Gauge 0 Guild and MERG.
5 <sup>nd</sup> July	Monthly Informal Technical Discussion Meeting; 7.00 for 7.30 pm. Muscliff Community Centre.
18 <sup>nd</sup> July	Monthly Meeting; 6.30 pm. Muscliff Community Centre. AGM.
12 <sup>th</sup> August	Charity Weekend (Macmillan Cancer Support) & 16mm Track Opening; Littledown Miniature Railway.

## Newsletter By E-mail

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## Websites Worth Visiting

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

### <http://www.wdsLtd.co.uk>

WDS have an extensive range of stainless standard parts and machine accessories available from stock, from adjusting screw and nuts to handwheels and levelling feet. No small order surcharge - No minimum order quantity - No carriage on orders placed via the website.

### <http://www.teepublishing.co.uk>

You can see TEE Publishing's wide range of new, rare and out of print books of interest to model engineers. Books can be ordered using their secure order facility direct from the website. TEE also publish the monthly magazine *Engineering in Miniature*.

## Letters and E-mails to The Editor

**Dear Dick**

I am writing this e-mail to you to say how very pleased I was to be able to get to the Exhibition at the Ringwood Experience on Saturday. I must say to yourself and John, thank you for a great Exhibition and the work you both put in in arranging this event, which says a lot for the club, and has put us on the map. I understand we have been invited to do this again next year. Funny thing, I have lived in Ringwood all my life but have never been to the Ringwood Experience before. I thought that you had a very great show and I did not know that we had so many members with such wide interests. Thank you again to John Hoyle and yourself for a great Show.

Regards

**B.J. Luckham (Bernie)** by e-mail



## Speedy News

**O**n the Bank Holiday Sunday I stood in Merlin Biddlecombe's workshop examining an almost complete Speedy boiler ready to be silver soldered together. Sufficient solder and flux was acquired at the Harrogate show, so by the time you read this there is every chance it will be well on its way to becoming a pressure vessel. Merlin has promised to bring it along to the Technical Meeting on the 1st Thursday of June for your inspection.

**Brian Merrifield**

## Caption Competition



**F**ollowing on from the fantastic response to the Caption Competition in last month's Newsletter - two entries - I have decided to try again this month. The real reason is that there was this big hole in the middle of the page!

The recent spell of sub-tropical weather meant that some gardening was needed at Littletdown and Phil Perry got into the spirit of things with the Society's strimmer.

What do you think is going through Phil's mind? Please send me your entries. The winner will be entitled to a free cup of tea or coffee at the next monthly Society Meeting at Muscliff.

*Photograph Dick Ganderton.*



**T**he winner of our Caption Competition in last month's Newsletter was Len Dowden.

Len's winning caption had Neil explaining to John and Ron "When I get the electronics right they should all jump in when I press the button".

Len's prize will be a free cup of tea or coffee.

*Photograph Richard Knott.*

### Other Events

#### Guilford Rally & Exhibition

21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2007

[www.gmes.org.uk](http://www.gmes.org.uk)

#### Dreaming Spires 2007 (Oxford)

21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2007

[chriskelland@aol.com](mailto:chriskelland@aol.com) or 01235 770836

#### Bristol Model Engineering Exhibition

17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> August 2007

#### Model Engineer Exhibition

17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> September 2007

#### Malden & Dist. SME Open Weekend

17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> August 2007

Let Dave Finn know if you want to attend.

#### Midlands Model Engineering Exhibition

12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> October 2007

[www.meridienneexhibitions.co.uk/html/midlands\\_model\\_engineering\\_exh.html](http://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!"

Grand Charity Weekend 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> July

Autumn Running Weekend 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> September

Steam Enthusiast Weekend  
29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> September

Humbug Day December 22<sup>nd</sup>

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